Environmental Research Fellowship

**Guidelines**

## About Tufts Institute of the Environment

The Tufts Institute of the Environment (TIE) is an interdisciplinary university-wide institute that initiates and promotes environmental education, research, and outreach toward a sustainable future.

## About the Fellowship

The TIE Environmental Research Fellowship aims to:

* Encourage interdisciplinary collaborations that lead to better solutions to environmental problems.
* Develop cross-university relationships between student, staff, and faculty researchers; and,
* Provide greater visibility and recognition for exceptional graduate students and their environmental work;
* Financially support Tufts University graduate students in conducting various forms of environmental research;

## Benefits of the Fellowship

TIE Fellows join a cohort of more than 100 Tufts students/alumni who have participated in this fellowship since 2002. Some of the benefits and opportunities of this Fellowship include:

* Pursue individual research interests that may complement Tufts’ academic requirements
* Gain mentorship and guidance from Tufts faculty and TIE staff to help build research expertise
* Build skills and expand professional networks through Fellowship activities, including: retreats, workshops and presentations
* Secure funding of up to $5,000 to cover research costs.

## Eligibility for Application

To be eligible for the fellowship program, applicants must be:

* Currently matriculated in a Tufts University graduate school,
* Continuing their studies into the upcoming academic year, and
* Committed to undertaking the proposed research.

## Research Project Criteria

The research proposed must:

* Directly relate to TIE’s mission of promoting timely and important interdisciplinary environmental research.
* Be achievable within the timeline and budget of the proposal;
* Include faculty mentors from at least **two** different schools or departments, in order to strengthen the interdisciplinary nature of the research project;
* Be independent of on-going projects of faculty members (i.e. the project should be initiated, conducted, and completed by the applicant); and
* Have all IRB or IACUC approvals and permits (if applicable) in place before the research begins.

## Fellowship Completion Requirements

The TIE Fellowship runs from April to April each year and is designed to entail 6-8 weeks of intensive research over the summer This is followed by collaborative activities in the fall and spring semesters. Students generally conduct their research over the summer, however alternate timing may be considered. Aside from conducting your research, over this year-long period you will also:

* **Attend** all required events, including: orientations, a retreat, workshops, presentations
* **Submit** a *poster* of your Fellowship’s preliminary results at one of the Fall Fellowship events
* **Present** your Fellowship research to the greater Tufts community in the Fall or Spring semester
* **Submit** a*final report* in your Fellowship’s concluding semester which includes the final results of your project (\*A publication, thesis, or dissertation encompassing your fellowship research may be accepted in lieu of a unique fellowship final report)

Funding

Up to $5,000 per student is available to cover costs related to equipment, supplies, travel, and stipend. Up to $3,000 can be allocated as a personal stipend.

## Selection Process

* Applicants are selected by an interdisciplinary selection committee comprised of Tufts faculty.
* TIE reserves the right to adjust the requested budgets of successful applicants when offering Fellowship awards.
* Upon acceptance of the TIE Fellowship funds awarded, the recipient agrees to fulfill the objectives of the proposed project. Changes to the project and to the budget must be approved by your faculty mentors and TIE.

All application materials, including the application form and application FAQs can be found at: [environment.tufts.edu/funding/fellowships](http://environment.tufts.edu/funding/fellowships/)