Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment
Karri Casner Environmental Sciences Fellowship

The Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment (TFISE) will be accepting proposals for the Karri Casner Environmental Sciences Fellowship for the 2010 spring semester from November 16, 2009 through January 4, 2010. Only one application per faculty advisor per review period will be considered.

The primary role of the Karri Casner Environmental Sciences Fellowship is to provide partial support of graduate-level research in environmentally related studies for University of Kentucky students. Research areas may include, but are not limited to, the biological, ecological, chemical, and physical processes that affect water quality, air quality, soil quality, and ecosystem health. Applicants must have at least a 3.25 undergraduate GPA and a 3.5 graduate GPA. The TFISE strongly encourages women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to participate fully in this fellowship program. Priority will be given to programs that provide benefits to or have implications for Kentucky.

Funds are available to full-time, degree-seeking graduate students for assistance with expenses relating to thesis or dissertation research, as well as for travel to present research at professional meetings, as follows:

- **Research or Research-Related Travel**
  Current graduate students may apply for research support if they have specific expenses related to thesis or dissertation research. The award may total no more than $5,000 per calendar year for research at domestic locations or $5,000 per calendar year for research at international locations. The research topic and trip must be approved by a committee appointed by the TFISE.

- **Travel to Professional Meeting/Conference**
  Current graduate students may apply for conference support if they have been accepted to present research at a conference or professional meeting. Awards may total no more than $1,000 per student per calendar year for presentations at domestic locations or $1,000 per fiscal year for presentations at international locations.
Proposal Preparation and Reporting Instructions

A. Application Materials
The project summary sheet, project description, and budget page are limited to a total of 3 pages and must be single spaced with a minimum of 10-point font.

1. Cover sheet (please see attached form below)

2. A project summary sheet: The summary should include a description of the intellectual merit of the proposed work and the project’s broader impacts. The summary should include a statement of objectives and methods to be employed along with an end date.

3. A project description: The one-page project description should include a rationale, goals and outcomes, work plan outline, personnel, and essential features. The project description should justify the proposed project in relationship to the thesis or dissertation research of the graduate student. This should include a clear explanation of how fellowship funds will enhance graduate student training.

4. A one page budget and budget justification. The applicant must demonstrate that he/she has applied for other funding sources or that other funding sources are pending.

5. Applications must include a statement of support from a faculty member within the applicant’s department of study attached to the project description.

B. Deadlines
Spring Semester 2010
1. All applications packets must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. (EST), January 4, 2010, to be eligible for the 2009 spring semester. Only one application per faculty advisor per review period will be considered. Applications should be submitted to Dr. Carol Hanley, Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment, 200 E, Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center, University of Kentucky, 1401 University Drive, Lexington, KY 40546-0236

2. The successful applicant will be notified January 19, 2010.

3. Late and/or incomplete applications are NOT considered for funding. All materials are required to be submitted by the deadline.

C. Reporting Requirements

1. The fellowship recipient is required to submit a one-page progress report approximately midway through the grant period.

2. A final report must be submitted to the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment no later than two months following the project completion date. Receipts and explanations of costs must be included with the final report.

3. Inclusion of publication reprints or other products resulting from the project is highly encouraged.

4. Confirmation of travel must be submitted along with the final report for all travel awards.

5. All unexpended funds must be returned one month after the start of the next unfunded semester.
For additional information regarding this program or for paper forms, please contact:

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Thank you for your interest in our program.

**Note:** These awards are considered taxable income, and recipients are responsible for reporting it on their income tax forms. Taxable amounts are withheld from awards for international students. Recipients should keep adequate records to support any expenses that may be excludable when filing income tax forms.
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Student Name: _____  SSN: _____

Program: _____  Faculty Sponsor: _____  Date: _____

Local Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Residency Status:  
- [ ] US Citizen (must submit two W-9 form with application)
- [ ] Resident Alien (must submit two W-9 form with application)
- [ ] Nonresident Alien (must submit W8-BEN & two copies of Visa or I94 with application)

See www.research.uky.edu/gs/fellowship/supportfunding.html for tax forms.

Detailed Budget (include transportation, lodging, food, registration fees, etc.):

Total Amount Requested:

If Applicable

Conference Title/Location _____  Date(s) of Travel: _____

Presentation Title _____

Please attach a faculty member statement of support when submitting this application.

Student Signature: _____  Date: _____