



BOYD EVISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

**2016 CALL
APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 5, 2016**

The Grand Teton Association offers a fellowship of **up to \$10,000/project** for graduate studies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, including Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, and surrounding lands. **Emphasis areas are lesser-known ecosystem elements such as air and water; geologic or other processes; plants, insects, reptiles, amphibians, fungi; natural soundscapes; and social science related to public understanding of natural resources use or management.**

Graduate students pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree are invited to submit proposals to be judged on the following:

- The **value of information** to be gained by the scientific community and by land or resource managers
- The **clarity of problem definition** and uniqueness of the proposed approach
- **Technical soundness** (provide sufficient study design detail and references to allow for a technical evaluation)
- **Qualifications** of the student and their major advisor/institution, and
- Completeness of proposal--Present a budget **clearly** indicating the **total cost of the study** and the **percent of support provided by this fellowship** compared to other sources of support.

We encourage proposals that cover a **major portion of studies which are new or only recently began** but are not fully funded. Projects may extend over several seasons, and must comply with appropriate agency regulations and permits (separately administered from this fellowship.) Seasonal summer housing **may** be available at the UWNPS Research Center in Grand Teton NP--if desired, project budgets should include housing costs at \$25/night and housing should be requested separately (<http://www.uwyo.edu/uwnps/>). Students are expected to provide a comprehensive technical report or publication and one or more educational products to facilitate information transfer beyond the scientific audience, such as a presentation to site managers, the public, or a non-technical article.

Fellowship Program Schedule:

November 20, 2015	Call for 2016 Boyd Evison Fellowship proposals
February 5, 2016	Fellowship applications must be postmarked
April 4, 2016	Fellowship awarded
Summer 2016	Research begins
December 30, 2017	Completion of project (degree may be conferred later)

The fellowship is supported by private donations and honors Boyd Evison, one of the National Park Service's greatest leaders and supporters of expanding scientific knowledge to help shape wise management decisions and maintain uncompromised native resources. After his exemplary NPS career, Mr. Evison directed the Grand Teton Association prior to his death in 2002. Information on previous fellowship awardees can be found at <http://home.nps.gov/grte/learn/nature/research.htm>

THE BOYD EVISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM



Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Existing Degrees Conferred, Institutions and Year:

Degrees in Progress, Institution, and Academic Advisor(s):

Vitae/Principal Accomplishments, including publications and fields of research interest:

- **Title and Description of Proposed Project:** (1-2 pages; include background, objectives, proposed study area/map if appropriate, methods, and relevant literature summary)

- **Relevance to Objectives of the Boyd Evison Fellowship and to resource conservation in Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, or nearby lands in the ecosystem:**

- **Proposed Timeline for Project:**

- **Anticipated Product(s):** (e.g., thesis, publication(s), report to park)

- **Proposed Project Budget:** Include a table showing project personnel salaries, student stipends, equipment, travel, laboratory analysis, housing, and other important costs. *Clearly indicate other existing or potential funding for this study, and indicate what portion of the study this fellowship would provide.*

Project support: DO NOT send letters of general support for the research from other academic references. However you must indicate that you have contacted the proposed study park(s), states, or other jurisdictions, and that agency or landowner supports the research as proposed.

Address any special assistance you request (permission for access into non-roaded areas, use of motorized equipment in wilderness areas). Summer housing, if desired, should be separately requested at the UWNPS Research Center in Grand Teton NP at <http://www.uwyo.edu/uwnps/>

*Applications must be postmarked by **February 5, 2016.***

Send to: Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship, Grand Teton Association,

P.O. Box 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012; or email: Jan_Lynch@partner.nps.gov

For more information, contact Jan Lynch, GTA Executive Director, 307-739-3406 or Sue Consolo-Murphy, Grand Teton National Park Chief of Science & Resource Management, sue_consolo-murphy@nps.gov. Information about previous fellowship awardees and project titles can be found at <http://home.nps.gov/grte/learn/nature/research.htm>