



2017-2018

## OEE RESEARCH FUNDING IN ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

### PURPOSE

The Ohio State University is dedicated to advancing education, research and innovation related to energy, the environment and sustainability. To further these goals, the Office of Energy and Environment is pleased to offer funding to support student research in energy, environment or sustainability. Priority will be given to research that directly impacts university operations, campus, or immediately surrounding areas. Awards are expected to range from \$500 to \$15,000.

### ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to all degree-seeking full-time undergraduate, graduate, and professional students in good academic standing from any Ohio State University college, department or unit. In order to be considered, research must be student-led and must include a faculty advisor or mentor. Previous award recipients and employees of the Office of Energy and Environment are not eligible to apply.

### APPLICATION

As part of the selection process, selectors may consider the uniqueness of the proposal; its educational value, feasibility, and overall quality, as well as proposed measurable impacts. If the project is part of a group effort, only one proposal need be submitted. The proposals must include the following:

- A completed application form;
- A five-page research proposal explaining the context of the research, intended research questions, methodology, timeline, budget, significance of the research, and any relevant citations. Awards will be made for original work only. Budgets should include detailed spending projections and other funding sources. Do not attach appendices, supplements, etc.;
- A one-page letter of support from a faculty advisor or mentor indicating his/her willingness to work with the on the proposed research. Letters must provide the dates and terms over which the research is to be conducted, the approximate number of hours the student(s) is (are) expected to work on the research each week, anticipated deliverables, and expectations for tracking progress. Letters should also include the faculty advisor or mentor's name, college or department, address, phone number and signature; and
- An unofficial academic advising report.

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Research is expected to last no longer than one academic year. Students will be required to submit, at minimum, a mid-project progress report roughly halfway into the project period and a final report no later than 30 days after the project period. Mid-project progress reports should include a non-technical summary of research activities and progress to date; a description of accomplishments; any changes to the research plan, timeline or budget; and a statement of future activities. The final report should include an itemized list of expenditures, summary of research activities and findings, detailed discussion of results and conclusions, comparison to expected findings and results, as well as suggestions for future research. Since the purpose of this program is to create actionable research, students will be expected to present their results publicly or submit their findings to a peer-reviewed journal.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- This funding is intended to support research-related expenses including materials, supplies and equipment user fees. The following expenses are NOT allowed: student and faculty salaries and benefits; computer and equipment purchases; food and entertainment.
- Awarded funds will be released to the project's faculty advisor's department. Please provide the appropriate unit chartfield so that the cost share funds can be allocated appropriately.
- Projects must be completed and funding must be expended no later than one academic year. Any unused funds end of the project period must be returned to OEE.
- OEE requests that all researchers inform our office of proposals and/or awards that result from OEE-funded research.
- Recipients of OEE funds should acknowledge OEE support in publications resulting from OEE-funded research. The acknowledgement should read as follows: This work was supported in part by The Ohio State University Office of Energy and Environment.
- Submission of a proposal funding constitutes an agreement to follow the above reporting requirements, terms conditions.

### DEADLINES

Proposals must be submitted by email at [OEEStudentPrograms@osu.edu](mailto:OEEStudentPrograms@osu.edu) no later than 12:00 PM Monday, October 9. Awards will be announced no later than 12:00 PM Friday, November 17.

Questions about this funding opportunity may be sent to [OEEStudentPrograms@osu.edu](mailto:OEEStudentPrograms@osu.edu).

**OEE RESEARCH FUNDING IN ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY  
Application**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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Name			Email Address
Street Address			OSU Student/Employee ID
City	State	Zip	Major
Phone Number			Student Status:
			Full-time      Part-time      Other

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

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Project Title:

Brief Description:

Co-author(s)/Participant(s):

Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

Total Amount Requested:

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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Completed application form

Unofficial academic advising

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**CERTIFICATION**

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I give the Office of Energy and Environment permission to use my name in publicity materials in the event that I am selected to receive the Commitment to Sustainability Scholarship. The Office of Energy and Environment may contact me upon award of the scholarship and at middle and end of the academic year in order to conduct an interview.

I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form and any additional material that I submit related to the financial aid process is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that furnishing false information may result in revocation of this funding or may result in disciplinary action pursuant to The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct.

Applicant Signature

Date

Student Name:

## **RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

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Please use the space below to tell us about your proposed research project. Be sure to discuss (a) the context of your research; (b) your intended research questions and methodology; (c) the significance of the research; and (d) any relevant citations. Please include: a project timeline and a project budget.

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