2017 Earth Systems Volpert Scholars Award

Overview

The Volpert Scholars Award, made possible through a generous gift of the Volpert family, provides financial support for work on research projects and internships undertaken by Earth Systems majors. Award recipients may receive up to $7000 to pursue research or internship activities that will foster students’ growth as interdisciplinary environmental scholars and problem-solvers. Only students who have not conferred their undergraduate degrees before Fall of 2017 are eligible to receive the Volpert Scholars Award. The deadline for applications is February 24, 2017 at 5 PM. Project descriptions of prior Volpert Scholar Award recipients are available [here](#) on the Earth Systems website.

Application

To apply for the Volpert Scholars Award, students should submit the following to Kristin Tewksbury:

- a completed application form (with application essay)
- a CV or resume
- a copy of your transcript
- a short proposal (see below)

Applications are due by **February 24, 2017** at 5 PM.

The Proposal

**Research Proposals:** *If you are requesting funds to support research, your proposal should not exceed five pages total and must include the following:*

- **Basic information:** The title of your proposed project, your name, class, and the name(s) of your faculty advisor and grad student advisor, if applicable.
- **A description of the proposed project:** This section should comprise the bulk of your proposal. What is the broad question you will be addressing and why is it important or significant? How exactly will you address it? What are the objectives of the research? What methods will you use?
- **A tentative work plan:** When will you do the work you’ve proposed? When do you plan to be in the field? If you need to collect/prepare samples for lab analysis, when will you work in the lab? This section should not be written in paragraph form - a bulleted list or table is preferred.
- **A tentative budget:** Please format this as a table. The maximum allowable stipend is $7000, which breaks down to $700 per 40-hour week for 10 weeks (you may apply for any portion thereof). In addition, you may request up to $500 in laboratory analysis, equipment, or other expenses. The total budget may not exceed $7500.
**Internship Proposals**: If you are requesting funds to support an internship, please download and complete the *Earth Systems Program Internship Proposal and Request for Approval form* available [here](#) on the Earth Systems website.

- Please include a tentative budget, formatted as a table, with your internship proposal. The maximum allowable stipend is $7000, which breaks down to $700 per 40-hour week for 10 weeks (you may apply for any portion thereof). In addition, you may request up to $500 in laboratory analysis, equipment, or other expenses. The total budget may not exceed $7500.

**Example Proposals**: We encourage you to review examples of past successful proposals, available [here](#) on the Earth Systems website, before submitting your application.

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**Earth Systems Volpert Scholars Award Application**

**Student Information**
First Name:
Last Name:
Email:
ID Number:
Graduation Year:

**Primary Research or Internship Advisor** *(This must be a Stanford faculty member.)*
Name:
Department:
Email:
Advisor signature acknowledging endorsement of this application:

**Secondary Research or Internship Advisor** *(if applicable)*
Name:
Affiliation:
Email:
Advisor signature acknowledging endorsement of this application:

Please let us know if you are applying for funding elsewhere or have been granted other funds for this project.

**Essay**
Please describe in 300 words or less how the proposed work will foster your growth as an interdisciplinary environmental scholar and/or problem-solver.