



JEDI Graduate Research Fellowships

Department of Watershed Sciences, Utah State University

Justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) are core values in the Department of Watershed Sciences at Utah State University. We believe that a diverse culture enhances our research, teaching, and outreach contributions by infusing our community with a variety of ways to understand the world, identify challenges, and deliver solutions. As part of our commitment to creating a more just and equitable world, the Department of Watershed Sciences is offering two JEDI research fellowships, starting August 2021. The JEDI fellowships will be awarded to two individuals that have demonstrated records of supporting diversity and inclusion in science. JEDI fellows can pursue research in any field within Watershed Sciences (ecology, hydrology, geomorphology, climate science, etc.). Both fellowships provide a full stipend and cover tuition and fees. One fellowship is reserved for a PhD student, the second is available for either a PhD or MS student.

To be considered for a fellowship, first contact a Department of Watershed Sciences faculty member with whom you would like to study (<https://qcnr.usu.edu/directory/wats-faculty>). After you have confirmed that a faculty member is willing to serve as your advisor, submit your application to the USU School of Graduate Studies (<https://gradschool.usu.edu/apply/>) AND separately email Brian Bailey (brian.bailey@usu.edu) a 'Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Statement' (up to 2 pages). Your 'Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Statement' should 1) identify your past challenges and experiences regarding equity, diversity, and inclusion; 2) discuss your past efforts to support underrepresented groups in science and your ability to work within and promote a culturally diverse student body (provide specific examples where possible) and 3) describe your potential future contributions to enhance equity, diversity and inclusion in science and society. To be considered for a fellowship, the grad school application and 'Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Statement' must be submitted by February 1, 2021.

For general questions about the department, fellowships or application process, contact Department Head Patrick Belmont (patrick.belmont@usu.edu).