

ANNOUNCING

KBS LTER Graduate Fellowships for 2013

If you are an MSU graduate student interested in or currently conducting research in association with the KBS Long-term Ecological Research (LTER) Program (lter.kbs.msu.edu), two KBS fellowship opportunities will be of interest. Capstone Fellowships offer a year of graduate support for advanced PhD students and Summer Fellowships offer summer support for both MSc and PhD students.

Capstone Fellowships open to advanced PhD students: The LTER Capstone Graduate Fellowship will provide \$30,000 in stipend support plus tuition and fees for one year beginning May 2013. The fellowship is open to MSU PhD students who are interested in pursuing LTER-related activities that would otherwise not be part of their dissertation work. This could include current LTER researchers who want to extend their research to other activities or other sites, or non-LTER researchers who want to extend their research to include LTER activities. Activities might include a KBS or cross-site synthesis workshop, research activity, or a related activity that broadens the community of scientists involved in LTER-related research. Research can be focused on the KBS LTER or include KBS as part of a cross-site activity that serves LTER goals at the local or national scale. Additional funds (up to \$5,000) will be available for travel or meeting expenses as warranted.

Applicants must be MSU PhD candidates who have completed the majority of their coursework, passed comprehensive exams, and are actively engaged in their dissertation research. KBS residency is not required.

Interested applicants should submit an application to the address below by **December 3, 2012**. Applications should be submitted as a single PDF or Word file containing: (1) a cover sheet with project title, applicant's name, advisor's name, department, and other sources and amounts of funding, (2) a letter of interest copied to your dissertation advisor, (3) a letter of support from your advisor, (4) a curriculum vitae, and (5) a 2-page project proposal. In the proposal please describe: a) your dissertation project, b) the proposed project to be undertaken as part of the fellowship, including any needs for additional funding with a detailed budget, c) how the project enhances your dissertation, and **d) the project's relevance to KBS LTER goals**. Please direct further inquiries and your application to: Dr. Justin Kunkle, KBS LTER Science Coordinator, kunkleju@msu.edu.

Summer Fellowships open to all graduate students: Two LTER Summer Research Fellowships will provide up to \$8,000 of support to offset tuition and fees during Summer 2013, with the balance available as a stipend. These non-renewable fellowships will support MSc or PhD students. Additional funds (up to \$2,000) may be requested for travel, meetings, or other research-related expenses.

Applicants must be graduate students currently enrolled at MSU. KBS residency is not required, nor is pre-existing engagement in KBS LTER research.

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