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## THE BOYD EVISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

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**2010 CALL-APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 12,**

**2010**

The Grand Teton Association and Grand Teton National Park offer a graduate fellowship of up to \$10,000/project, in honor of Boyd Evison, one of the National Park Service's greatest supporters of expanding scientific knowledge to help shape wise management decisions and maintain uncompromised native resources. This fellowship, supported

by private donations, provides whole or substantial support for new graduate studies focused on documenting the almost intangible and disappearing aspects of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, including Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, and public or private lands. **Emphasis areas are lesser-known ecosystem elements such as plants, fish, insects, amphibians, fungi, snails, bacteria; air and water; geologic or other processes; natural soundscapes; and social science related to public understanding of natural resources and their use or management.**

Proposals are encouraged that cover a major portion of new research studies or surveys; they may include studies which have not yet begun, or which have been initiated within the past year but which are not fully funded. They may be exploratory research that could lead to a larger project funded by other sources. Projects may be completed in one field season or extend over several seasons. Studies may occur in one or more of the ecosystem's parks, national forests, and/or the National Elk Refuge. Projects will need to comply with appropriate agency regulations and permits (separately administered from this fellowship.) Housing may be available within Grand Teton NP, but should be requested and arranged after the award. Students are expected to provide one or more educational products in addition to a summary report or publication, to facilitate information transfer beyond the scientific audience, such as a presentation to site managers, a public seminar, or non-technical article.

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

- The value of the information to be gained to the scientific community and to land or resource managers
- Indication that appropriate land managers/owners have been contacted and support the proposal
- The clarity of problem definition and uniqueness of the proposed approach
- Technical soundness of the proposed study
- Qualifications of the student and their major advisor/institution that enhance likelihood of successful project completion, and
- Completeness of proposal, which must present a budget clearly indicating the percent of support provided by this fellowship compared to other sources of support

### **Fellowship Program Schedule:**

**December 11, 2009**

**Boyd Evison Fellowship announced**

**February 12, 2010**

**Fellowship applications must be postmarked**

**April 12, 2010**

**Fellowship awarded**

**Summer 2010**

**Research begins**

**September 30, 2010**

**Progress report due; annual updates permitted until completion of project, which must be by September 30, 2012 (degree may be conferred later)**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Degrees Conferred/Institutions and Year:

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

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 personnel, equipment, travel, laboratory analysis, etc., and other support/funding, if any. Clearly indicate what percentage of funding this fellowship would provide)

Indication that you have contacted the proposed study park(s) or other jurisdictions, and that agency or landowner supports 1) need for the information, 2) the research as proposed, and 3) any assistance you request (e.g., housing, transportation, assistance with equipment or access). Please do NOT send letters of general support for the research from other academic references.

*Applications for 2010 must be postmarked by **February 12, 2010**.  
Send to: Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship, Grand Teton Association,  
P.O. Box 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012; email: [Jan\\_Lynch@partner.nps.gov](mailto:Jan_Lynch@partner.nps.gov)*

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Information about previous fellowship awardees and project titles can be found at  
<http://greateryellowstonescience.org/research/fellowships>*