



THE BOYD EVISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

**2012 CALL-APPLICATIONS DUE
FEBRUARY 17, 2012**



The Grand Teton Association and Grand Teton National Park offer a graduate fellowship of up to \$10,000/project for 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 other public or private lands. **Emphasis areas are lesser-known ecosystem elements such as air and water; geologic or other processes; plants, insects, reptiles, or amphibians, fungi; natural soundscapes; and social science related to public understanding of natural resources and their use or management.**

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 information to be gained to the scientific community and to land or resource managers
- Indication that appropriate land managers/owners have been contacted and would permit 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, 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

We encourage proposals that cover a **major portion of new studies**, which have not yet or have only recently begun but which are not fully funded. Projects may extend over several seasons, and will need to comply with appropriate agency regulations and permits (separately administered from this fellowship.) Seasonal housing (late May to mid-September) **may** be available at the UWNPS Research Center in the center of Grand Teton NP--if desired, project budgets should include housing costs at \$25/night and housing should be requested separately (<http://www.uwyo.edu/uwnps/>). Students are expected to provide a summary report or publication and one or more educational products to facilitate information transfer beyond the scientific audience, such as a presentation to site managers, the public, or non-technical article.

Fellowship Program Schedule:

December 20, 2011
February 17, 2012
April 15, 2012
Summer 2012
September 30, 2013

Call for 2012 Boyd Evison Fellowship proposals
Fellowship applications must be postmarked
Fellowship awarded
Research begins
Progress report due; annual updates permitted until completion of project, which must be by September 30, 2014 (degree may be conferred later)

The fellowship is supported by private donations and honors Boyd Evison, one of the National Park Service's greatest leaders and supporters of expanding scientific knowledge to help shape wise management decisions and maintain uncompromised native resources. After his exemplary NPS career, Mr. Evison worked directed the Grand Teton Association prior to his death in 2002. Information on previous fellowship awardees can be found at <http://greateryellowstonescience.org/research/fellowships>.



THE BOYD EVISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Existing 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, housing need in Grand Teton NP etc., and other support/funding, if any. *Clearly indicate what percentage of funding this fellowship would provide.*)

Please indicate 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). DO NOT send letters of general support for the research from other academic references.

*Applications for 2012 must be postmarked by February 17, 2012.
Send to: Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship, Grand Teton Association,
P.O. Box 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012; email: Jan_Lynch@partner.nps.gov*

*For more information, contact Jan Lynch, GTA Executive Director, 307-739-3406 or Sue Consolo Murphy, Grand Teton National Park Chief of Science & Resource Management, at 307-739-3481
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