

## ESES

### MINORITY FELLOWSHIPS

The US Department of Agriculture has awarded the Natural Resource Ecology Lab (NREL) a grant to support three PhD students in an innovative graduate program focusing on ecosystem science and environmental sustainability. One agroecosystem sustainability focus includes the Shortgrass Steppe Long-Term Ecological Research Site. Students enrolled in this program will integrate the latest science into real-world decision-making and public policy, with the ultimate goal of managing our planet's natural resources— air, water, land, and biological diversity upon which all life depends—sustainability into the future. Students may earn their degree through the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology (GDPE: <http://ecology.colostate.edu>) or through other departments with related programs. Groups that have been historically underrepresented in natural resource disciplines will be supported through this grant: African American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Hispanic, Native Pacific Islander, and individuals who are disabled.

### INFORMATION

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## WORLD-CLASS LIVING AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

You will find Colorado State University and a view of the snow-capped Rocky Mountains just one hour north of Denver and Denver International Airport. The campus, located in the heart of Fort Collins provides a unique blend of big city advantages and small college town friendliness. Its unique setting, coupled with its nationally and internationally known natural resources programs, makes CSU an outstanding institution for graduate education.



*Colorado State University Campus*

### ABOUT THE NREL

The research science community at the NREL represents one of the most distinguished collections of ecosystem scientists in the world. Among our members we include former presidents of the Ecological Society of America and the American Institute of Biological Sciences, four members of the UN IPCC—co-recipients of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize and a range of other national and international honorees. The NREL faculty supports about 40 graduate students per year enrolled in either the cross-departmental Graduate Degree Program in Ecology or through multiple departments where our faculty have joint appointments.

## Ecosystem Science & Environmental Sustainability Minority Fellowships



**Colorado  
State  
University**

**Natural Resource  
Ecology Laboratory**

## WORLD-CLASS LEARNING & RESEARCH

World-class teaching and research work together to produce a top-ranked educational experience for Colorado State University graduate students. CSU is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top academic institutions in a wide variety of categories—from teaching and learning to research and student achievement in laboratories and classrooms. Its strong reputation as a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University-Extensive is well founded. What makes a CSU education unique is that the world-class faculty members are not only creating the latest knowledge, they are sharing it with their students.

### ADMISSIONS

Students interested in applying for a Ecosystem Science and Environmental Sustainability (ESES) Fellowship should contact Dr. Matthew Wallenstein ([Matthew.Wallenstein@colostate.edu](mailto:Matthew.Wallenstein@colostate.edu), 970.491.7056) or Dr. Heidi Steltzer (970.491.1565, [Steltzer@nrel.colostate.edu](mailto:Steltzer@nrel.colostate.edu)). Prospective students should submit three admission forms by March 15th: 1) find the Graduate School's admission form at <http://graduateschool.colostate.edu>; 2) all graduate program applications can be found at their respective departmental websites (e.g., Graduate Degree Program in Ecology, GDPE: <http://www.ecology.colostate.edu/>); 3) the ESES fellowship information & admission form is located at <http://www.nrel.colostate.edu/prospective-students.html>.



*Graduate Students in Lab*



*Graduate Field Research*



*Service Learning*

## STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR A ESES FELLOWSHIP:

- Are US citizens or Permanent Residents
- Plan to pursue their doctorates and seek careers in ecosystem sustainability, especially agroecosystems
- Have been admitted to the CSU Graduate School and a graduate program. Students will need to identify potential faculty advisor(s) from the graduate program.
- Are committed to contributing to CSU's diversity plan
- Should apply to ESES program no later than March 15th

### REQUIREMENTS OF FELLOWS:

- Maintain status as a full-time student and a 3.00 GPA
- Participate in all program activities

### BENEFITS TO FELLOWS:

- \$24,500 annual base stipend & additional summer assistantship for three years
- Guaranteed assistantships for remainder of successful tenure at CSU
- Fellows pay in-state tuition first year; can establish in-state residency following years.
- Research opportunities in the US & abroad supervised by world-renowned scientists
- Coursework in scientific skills, communication, and project management
- Service learning & internship opportunities
- Critical thinking skills developed through coursework and nurtured through active mentoring
- Opportunities for leadership roles in agroecosystem ecology research