Agricultural Experiment Station Graduate Research Assistantships

Request for Awards

The AES graduate research awards further the mission of ACES and the AES by expanding research that benefits the citizens of New Mexico. These assistantships will help attract and train outstanding graduate students to understand the complexities and value of quality research.

Approximately $200,000 will be available each year for research assistantship funding. In the first year (2019-2018) $100,000 for one-year assistantships, up to $20,000/student, will be available. An additional $100,000 for the first year, again up to $20,000/student, for five two-year assistantships will be available. In following years, a total of $100,000 of new assistantship funding will be made available to fund new two-year assistantships, with the remaining $100,000 used to cover the second year of previously award assistantships.

Because one-year assistantships will be offered for the 2019-2020 academic year, faculty members will need to indicate which assistantship offering they are applying for, one-year only ($20,000) or two-year ($20,000 in 2019-2020 and another $20,000 in 2020-2021). In subsequent years only two-year assistantships will be offered.

Faculty mentoring graduate students in any ACES degree granting department are eligible to apply. Masters or Ph.D. students are eligible to receive funds, but a student may receive a career maximum $40,000 (taken over a two-year award period).

Awards are only to be used for graduate student salary associated with research; however, faculty are encouraged to leverage AES Graduate Research Assistantships with outside funding for summer employment or tuition to attract high quality students to their programs. There is an opportunity to increase the award by up to $4,000 in operations/travel funding per year for project working at one of our distant "off-campus" science and research centers including Corona, Mora, Farmington, Clovis, Tucumcari, Artesia, Alcalde, Clayton, or Los Lunas. The collaboration with the off-campus ASC must be clearly noted in the proposal.

Deliverables: An annual report, no more than 1 page in length, including research accomplishments, the students' progress toward degree completion, outputs (e.g. publications, presentations, research proposals, etc.), and impacts is due by May 30 each year. Second year funding on 2 year awards is predicated on satisfactory progress toward on the research objectives.

To apply for an AES Graduate Research Award, include the following (2 page maximum):

1. Pl name, department, email.
2. Student name and contact information (if known, this is optional).
3. Funding details - requested budget and time line.

4. Research Project Description or Proposed Area of Research:
    a. Why is the project important? Describe the potential impact of the project.
    b. How will this help the state of New Mexico?
    c. What will the student be doing?
    d. How might this leverage future funding for your program?

Submit proposals to: Natalie Goldberg (ngoldber@nmsu.edu); Please submit a PDF of your proposal using the subject: **AES GA 2019-2020 Proposal_[PI last name].**

Application Deadline: March 15, 2019 (late applications will not be accepted)

Awards will be announced by: May 1, 2019