

Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability

2026-2027 Student Research Fellowships

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Fellowship Goals: One of the primary goals of the [Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability](#) (CEJS) is to support the scholarship of faculty and students across campus engaged in EJS endeavors. Furthermore, we hope to foster collegiality of EJS scholars on campus and opportunities for interdisciplinary scholarship that spans the schools and colleges of Seattle University.

Student research fellowship program description: Proposals for student research fellowships are encouraged from all disciplines and for all types of scholarly research on topics related to environmental justice and/or sustainability. Projects that include collaboration across disciplines or schools/colleges are particularly encouraged. Proposals may be submitted by individual students or by student teams. The CEJS student fellowship program provides support for new projects and for extending previous endeavors. CEJS student fellows are expected to produce a tangible scholarly product, such as an academic paper, a conference presentation, an artistic exhibit or creation, or other pre-professional product as a result of their participation in this program.

Anticipated Timeline, 2026-2027 Fellowships:

11/19/2025	Call for proposals is announced
03/02/2026	Proposals due by noon to cejs@seattleu.edu
Earth Day (04/22/26)	2026-2027 CEJS Student and Faculty Fellows announced
May 29, 2026	Attend the 2025-2026 CEJS Research Fellows Showcase (end-of-year presentation). Introduce your research project.
October 2026	2026-2027 Fellows start-of-year meeting: student fellows, faculty mentors, faculty fellows, and CEJS staff
February 2027	- Fellows mid-year meeting: student fellows, faculty mentors, faculty fellows, CEJS staff - Mid-year research update is due - Optional but encouraged: Submit research to SRCCON conference (submission deadline April)
May 2027	Present your research at the CEJS Research Fellows Showcase
June 2027	- Final report and product due - Optional but encouraged: Submit research paper to SUURI (submission deadline Fall 2027)

Eligibility: Full-time continuing undergraduate and graduate students with the following conditions:

- Graduation date no sooner than Spring 2027
- Must be able to commit to a year-long scholarly project
- Must be willing to meet the fellowship requirements outlined below
- Must have the ongoing support of a faculty mentor for the duration of the project

Fellowship requirements:

- Attend 2025-26 CEJS Research Fellows Showcase on May 29, 2026, and introduce your project
- Attend two student fellowship meetings in academic year 2026-2027
- Submit a brief mid-year progress report (Winter quarter 2027)
- Present your work at the annual CEJS Research Fellows Showcase (Spring quarter 2027)

- Complete one tangible scholarly product (substantial paper, artistic creation, etc.)
- Submit a final report that outlines the results of your research project by June 2027

Requirements for Faculty Mentors:

- As part of the fellowship application process, please send a brief statement indicating your support for the project and your willingness to mentor the student/team. Instructions are given in the application sections below.
- Regular supervision of the student's/team's work, including:
 - Review and approval of project proposal
 - At least one monthly consultation with student/team throughout the fellowship year
 - Approval of mid-year report
 - Final evaluation of student's/team's scholarly product
 - Approval of end-of-year report

Fellowship Award: CEJS will award two research fellowships in 2026-2027. A \$2,500 stipend will be awarded per fellowship project.

Application Components (please complete the separate “2026-2027 CEJS Student Research Fellowship Application Form”):

1. Cover sheet
 - Applicant(s) information
 - Brief summary (250 words) of the proposed scholarly work/project
 - Signature(s)
2. Current resume(s)
3. Project proposal, minimum 11-point font, maximum 3 pages.
4. Statement of support and commitment from faculty mentor (submitted separately, by email) that indicates the mentor:
 - Has read the project proposal and endorses the proposed work
 - Can provide supervision and mentorship throughout the duration of the project, as outlined in the “requirements for faculty mentors” above

Application Procedure: Submit the application form and CV(s) in PDF format. Send as email attachments in one message to cejs@seattleu.edu **by noon on March 2, 2026**. Ask your faculty mentor to email their statement of support to the CEJS address by this deadline as well.

Selection Criteria:

- Clarity of proposal—needs to be easily understood by readers not in your discipline
- Significance of project within the applicant's academic discipline and/or significance for interdisciplinary scholarship
- Potential for advancing the scholarship of environmental justice and sustainability and opportunity for impact/continuity of the project beyond the one-year CEJS fellowship
- Contribution of the project to the fellow's educational and career goals and to the university's “[Laudato Si'](#)” commitment to integral ecology
- Viability of project—realistic objectives, timeline, and estimate of required resources