GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION – AUTUMN 2025

This document contains a list of required application materials, information, and tools you can use to construct an effective application. Descriptions listed by individual award can be found here: https://www.biology.washington.edu/programs/graduate/fellowships-and-awards. The descriptions include information about each award's intended use, maximum funding amount, and funding restrictions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All fellowships (1 quarter of RA support) and teaching awards will be awarded in Autumn 2025. All research awards and conference funding will be awarded in Winter 2026. Please refer to the link above for the full schedule of award offerings.

Application requirements:

1) **Basic, Personal Information (online, Google Form questions)**

2) **Summary Questions (online, Google Form questions).** These are intended for administrative purposes and will not be thoroughly reviewed by the award review committee. Please include all required information in your proposal.

3) **Specific required information (PDF):**

   All proposals should be formatted with 1" margins, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, and be no less than single spaced. Note that you may need to include multiple proposals if you are applying for multiple fellowships.

   i. Include a **1-page** proposal (for each fellowship/award if you apply for multiple ones) that includes a description of your proposed use of the fellowship/award. *What we want to know (for all applications):* why and how your research projects/objectives are important and how this fellowship award will impact your progress toward your degree or career.
      1) *For the Tunnicliffe Distinguished Teaching Fellowship and the Ingrith Deyrup-Olsen Teaching Award*, your proposal should also include details about your personal teaching philosophy and any prior outstanding teaching contributions and accomplishments. If you are applying for both the Tunnicliffe Fellowship and the Ingrith Deyrup-Olsen Teaching Award, one proposal can go towards both, but indicate that you are applying for both.

2) *For all other writing fellowships (Frye-Hotson-Rigg & Hahn),* your proposal should include an outline of your dissertation that includes **1)** a description of your research, that is, a brief synopsis of your overarching dissertation/project question for a broad Biology audience, including how and why your research addresses an important problem**, 2)** a list of proposed chapter titles with target journals in which at least two of the chapters have been, or are expected to be, published**, and 3)** how this award will impact your ability to finish**.**

3) *For the Paine Experimental & Field Ecology Fellowship,* your proposal should describe your proposed field research and how it relates to your (dissertation) research or long-term career goals. Priority is given to students who are using experimental, rather than observational, techniques – if this applies to you, include an explanation in your proposal.

4) *For the WRF-Hall Fellowship*, your proposal should explicitly address how your proposed work is an extraordinary educational opportunity and how it relates to your (dissertation) research or long-term career goals. If the educational opportunity relates to your research, please include a brief description of your research question for a broad Biology audience, including how and why your research addresses an important problem. If your proposal includes travel, explain how your travel will be funded. **What we want to know (in addition to the general comments listed above):** How and why the educational opportunity will contribute to your research and/or your progress toward your degree or career?

ii. *If you are applying for supplemental funds in addition to the Paine Experimental & Field Ecology Fellowship or WRF-Hall Fellowship quarter of support,* include a budget table and budget justification (no longer than one additional page). For research related travel (ex., fieldwork or research-related lab visits/stays), include the location, dates, and purpose of your travel. The proposed budget table and budget justification should include travel expenses and/or research supplies. (Remember to include such expenses such as shipping costs and taxes.) For costs associated with travel, use the UW's travel rates, which can be found online: http://www.washington.edu/admin/finserv/travel/

4) **Current CV (PDF)**

5) **Faculty Recommendation (online, Google Form questions):** Please direct your advisor and/or another UW faculty member (as applicable) to the following website to submit their answers in support of your application towards your award(s): https://forms.gle/jjded5HoMaTAPtiU6. Be sure to inform your faculty member of which award(s) you are submitting your application and how you plan to use your award, so that they can answer the questions on the Faculty Recommendation Form accurately. Note that we no longer ask for a standard letter of support, but instead will ask for specific information, namely:
1) How this fellowship will support your progress towards your degree
2) How they have supported your work in the past (past RA/fellowship quarters), and how they intend to support your work going forward.
3) If they support your pursuit of this fellowship, noting any concerns.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

COMPLETE THIS ONLINE FORM: https://forms.gle/s52n8j4LDMAkkUJm6

Applications should be submitted as a SINGLE DOCUMENT (PDF):

- Files should be named with your *last name and first initial* (e.g., if your name is John Smith, you would name your file SmithJ.doc).
- Faculty Recommendations can be submitted directly by the faculty member via this online form: https://forms.gle/jjded5HoMaTAPtiU6

ALL application materials must be received by Friday, October 24th, 2025 by 4:00pm.

**Late applications will *not* be accepted.

Autumn Application Checklist:

☐ Proposal *(varying content depending on the fellowship or award, and if you are applying for multiple)*

☐ Current *Curriculum Vitae*

☐ Faculty Recommendation from Advisor and/or another UW faculty member (as applicable)