

## **Soderwall Foundation Research Grants**

Environmental Studies Program, University of Oregon  
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Generous support from the Soderwall Foundation allows the Environmental Studies Program (ENVS) to support graduate student research and/or research-related travel. For the academic year 2024/25, we will award grants of up to ~\$1,000 per student. Grants may be used to fund conference travel and other research travel, to purchase research equipment and supplies, and/or to support other research-related expenses. The primary exceptions include (i) computers and (ii) software and supplies already available through the University. Equipment and supplies purchased with Soderwall funds remain the property of the University and ENVS. Funds may not be used to fund tuition, purchase educational supplies, or support travel that is primarily for educational purposes.

All current Doctoral students in the Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy (ESSP) program without focal departments (i.e., Major Concentration students), and all Master's students, are eligible to apply for these funds. ESSP students with focal departments are not eligible due to limited Soderwall funding and the availability of comparable funds through the focal departments.

### Application materials and steps:

1. A one-page proposal that (i) confirms the student's eligibility to apply for the funds and (ii) describes the intended use of the funds.
2. An itemized budget explaining each expense, with links to sources that document these expenses where available (e.g. conference registration site; equipment price list).
3. A short email of support from the student's advisor.
4. Applicant submits one email with items 1–3 attached or in the message body.

### Submission and notification process:

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, at least 3 weeks before the planned use of the funds, by email to [gradasu7@uoregon.edu](mailto:gradasu7@uoregon.edu). Retroactive awards will only be considered under unusual circumstances. Notification of award decisions will normally be made within two weeks after each application is received.

Deadline and Funding Contingency: Completed proposals may be submitted at any time during the year, provided it is at least 3 weeks before the planned use of grant funds, such as for travel. Retroactive awards will not be considered. Under normal circumstances, you can expect a two-week turnaround for application decisions. Grant awards are contingent upon available funds. Funds will be dispersed on a rolling basis over the year. Awards are contingent upon available funds. Funds will be dispersed on a rolling basis each academic year, beginning in the Fall term. Each major concentration student is eligible for only one of these grants each academic year.