

“NSF GK-12 Fellowships for Rural Sociology Research in the Sugar Creek Watershed of Ohio” Fellowship Opportunity for Doctoral Students

As part of a National Science Foundation GK-12 grant to promote STEM education, from Autumn Quarter 2006 to 2011 there will be approximately two Rural Sociology fellowships to conduct research in the Sugar Creek Watershed in Ohio. The Sugar Creek Project is a watershed project where about 25 researchers and 8 graduate students are engaged in various participatory headwaters projects that bridge the social and natural sciences. To qualify for the fellowships, M.S. and Ph.D. students must have completed their basic degree coursework and be actively engaged full-time in research in the Sugar Creek Watershed. Applicants from students who have the Sugar Creek as part of their research are invited to apply. Successful applicants will have one of the following individuals as their advisor or committee member: Drs Richard Moore, Lance Williams, Charles Goebel, Virginie Bouchard, Amanda Rodewald, Casey Hoy, Deb Stinner, or Parwinder Grewal. The type of rural sociological research is open but must be approved by a committee of researchers and local school teachers so therefore must be relevant to the local community. The watershed is close to the OARDC, the agricultural experiment station for Ohio State University which is located in Wooster, approximately 90 miles NE of Columbus. In addition to conducting their own research, fellows will team with a local school 11th or 4th grade teacher for 15 hours per week to promote science education based on stream ecology. The grant is targeted to promote the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) so the rural sociologists will be part of a larger team of graduate students (8 total per year) from Environmental Sciences Graduate Program, School of Environment and Natural Resources, and Entomology. The stipend for the grant is \$30,000 plus tuition and fees.

Fellowships are restricted to U.S. citizens or nationals of the United States and candidates may be appointed for one or two year terms but not more than two years. Successful applicants may also be nominated for other university fellowships. As part of the application process, you will be asked to send your transcripts, three letters of reference, and a statement of interest in this fellowship opportunity directly to the Rural Sociology Graduate Studies Committee Chair (208 Ag. Admin. Building, 2120 Fyffe Rd., Columbus OH 43210-1067). Additional information is available about the Sugar Creek Project and the Rural Sociology Graduate Program by visiting:
<http://sugarcreekmethod.osu.edu> and http://www.ag.ohiostate.edu/~hcrd/rural_sociology/index.php

For more information about admission to the Rural Sociology Graduate Program, contact: Professor Linda Lobao, Rural Sociology Graduate Studies Committee Chair (lobao.1@osu.edu). For more information about the Sugar Creek Project or NSF grant, contact Dr. Richard Moore, Sugar Creek Project Team Leader (moore.11@osu.edu).