

VOLO FOREVERGLADES FELLOWSHIP

- ELIGIBILITY-

The VoLo ForEverglades Fellowship is open to full-time graduate research students from all universities pursuing degrees in earth sciences, biological sciences, engineering, geography, planning and resources management, and economics. Graduate students from any academic institution are welcome to apply for this Fellowship.

- AWARDS-

VoLo ForEverglades Fellowship provides up to \$25,000 / year for stipends, tuition fees, travel, and other research-related expenses. The amount of money associated with the fellowship is subject to change. The duration of this fellowship is set for 12 months.

- AREAS OF SPECIAL INTERESTS-

The area of special interest for this Fellowship is evaluation of climate change impacts on the greater Everglades restoration. Research proposals focused on following aspects of climate change research will be considered.

- Advancing understanding of climate change induced changes in Everglades' physical/chemical/biological processes through experimental, field investigation, theoretical, or simulation modeling approaches.
- Evaluating economic impacts of climate change on Everglades restoration.
- Restoration planning and system optimization to mitigate climate change impacts.

- APPLICATION PROCESS -

The application for the VoLo ForEverglades Fellowship should contain the following:

- 1.Cover letter clearly indicating that the application is for the VoLo ForEverglades Fellowship*.
- 2. Proposal describing the research that the fellowship would support (no more than 5,000 words including bibliography). The proposal is to clearly emphasize the expected contributions to Everglades research and relevance to Everglades restoration.
- 3. Research budget detailing the proposed expenditure from fellowship.
- 4. Timeline of proposed research activities.
- 5. A personal essay of no more than 2 pages on the candidate's career goals and how the fellowship will support those goals and contributions.
- 6. A curriculum vitae.
- 7. Academic transcripts.
- 8. A letter of reference from the student's major professor.
- 9. At least one, and up to three other academic or professional letter(s) of reference preferably from an investigator(s) currently engaged in Everglades research.
- 10. Other relevant or supporting work products or documentation (such as published papers, presentations, awards, etc.) could optionally be included.

- THE SELECTION PROCESS -

All applications will be reviewed by experts to determine the potential contribution of the work to Everglades restoration in the face of climate change. Recommendations from leading professors and investigators currently active in Everglades research are important. Other factors include the applicant's prior research and/or publication record, academic record, the personal essay, and the interdisciplinary nature of the research.

- DEADLINE-

Applications will be accepted until July 31, 2021. Awards will be announced no later than September 30, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.

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- FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS-

After receiving Volo ForEverglades Fellowship, recipients will be expected to update The Everglades Foundation every 6 months on their academic progress, research results and relevant activities. Recipients may be interviewed occasionally by Everglades Foundation and/or VoLo Foundation newsletters, and their research will be publicly disseminated.

VoLo ForEverglades Fellows should provide to the Foundation the following deliverables from their individual projects:

- 1. A final report (scientific or technical paper) due one month after the termination date of the scholarship at the latest. The report should be in the format of a high quality scientific research paper approved by the faculty supervisor.
- 2. Presentation of results (from the research outlined in the Fellowship proposal) at one or more state/national/international scientific conferences.
- 3. Provide research update via webinar or symposium organized by the Everglades Foundation.

The Everglades Foundation reserves the right of access to all data or metadata generated by the project. All publications (including thesis/dissertation/reports) or presentations resulting from this program should acknowledge the support of this Fellowship.

- SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION-

Completed applications and references should be emailed to scholarships@evergladesfoundation.org.

*- Any research proposal submitted for the VoLo ForEverglades Fellowship that is not awarded the same will automatically be considered for the ForEverglades Scholarship.

