REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Interfaces of Global Change IGEP 2017-18
Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Fellowships

During the 2017-18 academic year, the Interfaces of Global Change IGEP will be awarding graduate fellowships to Ph.D. students currently enrolled in the program. Fellowships will be valued at approximately $41,479, to include 12 months of graduate stipend paid by the Virginia Tech Graduate School (GRA Step 17; $27,120) and in-state tuition, technology fee, and library fee (~$12,259). Graduate students who sign up for health insurance through the university are eligible for an additional health insurance subsidy of 90%, currently valued at $2,100. Research, travel, and associated expenses will remain the responsibility of the student and mentor. We foresee awarding 1-2 fellowships to current Fellows this year. Priority will be given to students that will use the funding during the 2017-18 academic year to engage in activities that advance the collaborative, interdisciplinary mission of our group. Award funds must be used to support interdisciplinary training between August 2017 and August 2018.

Notes: 1) After the 2017-18 academic year, students who receive one of these fellowships will return to their former funding plan, to include a return to their former pay source and rate as agreed upon with their academic mentor. 2) We anticipate having enough funding to announce another RFP next (2018-2019) academic year.

Eligibility: Graduate students are eligible to apply if they a) are currently enrolled in the IGC IGEP and b) have not received an IGC IGEP fellowship in the past.

Deadline for applications is 5 pm March 1st, 2017. Incomplete, late, or incorrectly formatted applications will not be considered. Notification of awards will be made before April 1st.

Application procedure.
All applications must include:
1. The one page Cover Sheet (see below).
2. The applicant’s CV
3. A one page statement (font no smaller than 11 pt Arial) by the graduate student that explains how the funding will advance their interdisciplinary training and their research goals for the 2017-2018 academic year (see review criteria below).
4. A brief letter of support from the applicant’s graduate mentor, not to exceed 1 page, that explains how this fellowship will be incorporated into the graduate student’s current funding plan and how it will advance the student’s interdisciplinary training.

Application should be sent in a single pdf file by e-mail to Gloria Schoenholtz; E-mail address: schoeng@vt.edu. Label files as LAST NAME_IGCAplication2017_18

Application Review Criteria for Fellowship Awards:
• Benefit of the activity to advancing the student’s interdisciplinary training
• Benefit of the activity to advancing the collective, collaborative objectives of the IGC IGEP and the Global Change Center
• Applicant’s academic record and achievements
• Advancement of knowledge related to the interfaces of global change

Please direct any further questions to Dr. William Hopkins (hopkinsw@vt.edu)
COVER SHEET
IGC IGEP Fellowship Application

1. Personal Information
Name:__________________________________________________________________________
E-mail address: __________________________________________________________________
College: __________________ Department: ________________________________
Faculty Mentor(s): ____________________________________________________________
E-mail address Faculty Mentor(s): ______________________________________________

2. Title of Proposed Dissertation or Project:

3. Bulleted summary list of interdisciplinary activities that this fellowship will enable the student to pursue. Activities could include training in another laboratory, attending specific workshops, offcampus field or laboratory activities that might not be possible without a fellowship, etc. Max 100 words total. More details on activities can be provided in the one page graduate student statement.