

## Soderwall Foundation Research Grants

Environmental Studies Program, University of Oregon  
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Call for Applications: Generous support from the Soderwall Foundation allows the Environmental Studies Program (ENVS) to help fund graduate student research and/or research-related travel. All current ENVS graduate students are eligible for up to \$750 per academic year in Soderwall Foundation Research Grant funding. Doctoral students in the Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy (ESSP) program without a focal department (Major Concentration students) can apply for up to \$1,000 per academic year because they do not have access to any focal department funding. Soderwall Foundation Research Grants may be used for research expenditures such as conference presentations, research equipment and supplies, travel for research, or other research-related expenses.

### Application Materials:

- A one-page proposal that describes your research plans and justifies why Soderwall Foundation funding is necessary
- A proposed budget that is itemized and justified
- A short email of support from your advisor

Deadline and Funding Contingency: Proposals may be submitted at any time during the year, provided it is well 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, which means funding may not always be available, particularly later in the academic year.

Application Submission Process: Submit application materials by email to the ENVS Office Manager [monica@uoregon.edu](mailto:monica@uoregon.edu) and Graduate Coordinator [nadams12@uoregon.edu](mailto:nadams12@uoregon.edu).

Grantee Requirements: Following the use of Soderwall Foundation funds, all grant holders will be required to submit:

- A one-paragraph statement explaining how the Soderwall Foundation Research Grant benefited your research and degree progress
- Evidence/documentation of grant spending (e.g. boarding pass, receipts, conference registration, etc.)

Both items must be submitted to ENVS within 2 months of using grant funds, though funds will be awarded in advance to facilitate travel and attendance. Failure to submit the statement and evidence will render the graduate student ineligible for future Soderwall or other supplemental ENVS funding.

Other Information and Guidelines: Priority for funding for conference attendance will be given to those who are presenting research. If attending a conference is vital for your research plans and you are not presenting, be explicit about how attendance at the conference will promote your research. Soderwall Foundation Research Grants cannot fund equipment or supplies that are already available to UO students (e.g. computers or common software.) Equipment that is purchased with Soderwall Foundation funds is University property and remains with the ENVS program. Funds cannot be used to pay tuition, supplies for classes, or travel that is primarily for educational purposes.