

## **2024 ISF PhD Fellowship Competition**

Purdue's Institute for a Sustainable Future is pleased to announce the 2024 ISF graduate fellowship competition. Current PhD students as well as those who receive admission to a PhD program at Purdue can be considered for one year of support from a ISF Fellowship that will provide salary and tuition coverage for the 2024-2025 academic year.

This year, ISF will award 2 one-year fellowships: one of these fellowships is to be used for the specific purpose of recruiting new outstanding PhD students to Purdue to conduct interdisciplinary research on a sustainability topic of interest to ISF. Sustainability should be thought of, for our purposes, as aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The second fellowship is available for currently enrolled students, but preference will be given to recruitment. ISF will be prioritizing fellowships in topics of interest to the Institute as represented by its Research Communities, Special Initiatives, and Strategic Research Teams.

ISF Fellowship nominations need to be submitted by the current or prospective advisor(s), who must be active members of ISF. We encourage applications from across Purdue's academic units.

Recipients of the ISF Graduate Fellowship become ISF Graduate Fellows, and thus they (and the advisors) receive the following benefits and bear the following responsibilities.

### **BENEFITS of the ISF Graduate Fellowship**

- \$26,000 salary administered as a half time (0.5 FTE) academic year assistantship and tuition remission for the 2024-2025 academic year;
- An additional \$1,000 to the Fellow to be applied toward their personal research project, travel, etc.;
- Mentorship from ISF-associated faculty and post-doctoral fellows, ready access to ISF leadership and staff, and the opportunity to take part in the ISF strategic initiatives, in particular, relating to engagement of students and post-docs in ISF activities.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES of Fellows**

- Register full time, a minimum of 9 credits for Fall/Spring semester;
- Engagement in ISF activities including annual meetings and workshops, attendance at ISF- related seminars and Research Communities;
- Participation in organizing student-led events;
- Progress reports each semester to the ISF in the form of narrative descriptions of their research activities and participation in ISF events;
- Fellows and their advisors shall credit ISF funding in their publications and presentations at external conferences and workshops, as appropriate.

## Application process

A complete application includes:

- A letter of nomination from advisor(s) (1 page). This may include supportive information such as how the project ties to ongoing research of the nominating faculty, and how the project may develop new lines of inquiry at Purdue related to sustainability research;
- For prospective students, a full copy of the nominee's Graduate School application; for current students, a copy of their unofficial transcripts, CV and a research statement are required.

For faculty who have received support from the ISF (or C4E or PCCRC) (travel grant recipient; proposal support or engagement; previous award), the following additional information should be included with the application:

- List previous support you have received and from which organization;
- Demonstrate substantive engagement with the ISF (e.g., leadership and service to ISF, C4E or PCCRC; acknowledging the ISF on publications; affiliating proposals; attending meetings and events; providing research talks; organizing event).

Evaluation of applications will begin **February 5, 2024**, and will continue until both fellowships have been successfully awarded. Selection of the recipients will be conducted by the ISF Fellowship Committee. Please send your application material electronically (pdf) to Karan Hustedt-Warren via filelocker. Questions can be directed to Karan Hustedt-Warren via email at [khustedt@purdue.edu](mailto:khustedt@purdue.edu).

## Student Eligibility

ISF fellowship recipients must demonstrate superior academic achievement and scholarly abilities. They must be a current, full-time Purdue PhD student or prospective student admitted to Purdue as Ph.D.-track students in a degree-granting graduate program and Purdue Graduate School in order to receive the award. They must register for at least nine credits each semester in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025. Students should confer with their institutional graduate committee chair regarding courses and credits.

## Availability and Funding

The fellowship provides funding for a one-year award to doctoral students (preference given to first- year recruits) admitted to a graduate program with a strong sustainability emphasis. The Institute for a Sustainable Future will provide a base salary of \$26,000 administered as a half-time (0.5 FTE) assistantship plus payment of tuition and most fees, and a supplement for the purchase of medical insurance for the 2024-2025 academic year. Each academic school or department will determine the actual stipend level for her/his respective program. In addition, each fellow will receive \$1,000 to be applied toward his/her personal research project. If a Fellow should change research programs/advisors during their year as ISF Fellow, the Fellowship would move with the student to the new research program.

## Review Criteria

General considerations: Outstanding student record; proposed research direction aligned with the mission and vision of ISF, its Communities, Initiatives, and Teams; student research will increase linkages across campus research units.