

CNR PhD Finishing Fellowship and the CNR MS to PhD Bridge Fellowship

Application Procedures

The College of Natural Resources offers a series of resources to help graduate students succeed in their program of study.

Students should note that these are merit-based fellowships, thus need without academic rigor does not constitute grounds for an award and the CNR Graduate Council Committee reserves the right to not award all available funding in any one cycle. As well, success will depend on the strength of the qualified applicant pool in any cycle. In line with the University of Idaho's Strategic Plan, funding support will preferentially support PhD students.

Clarified 2018-2019 Finishing Fellowship Requirements: Candidates must have passed their preliminary examination, have completed their study plan, and only need 1 research credit to finish their degree at the time of receiving the award.

The College of Natural Resources welcomes applications for the CNR PhD Finishing Fellowship and the CNR MS to PhD Bridge Fellowship by the following dates:

Summer / Fall Semester Application Deadline:	13 th April
Spring Semester Application Deadline:	16 th November

For each of these fellowships, the applicants **must** include a statement detailing what semester (spring, summer, fall) the funding is requested. Importantly, the CNR MS to PhD Bridge Fellowship can be sought more than one semester in advance. For example, a Bridge Fellowship application can be submitted for the November deadline for use in the following fall semester. If external funding is secured by a successful awardee of a Bridge Fellowship, the timing and/or the amount awarded may be re-negotiated at the discretion of the Dean.

Completed application packets should be submitted to the CNR Director of Research and Graduate Studies (cnr-drgs@uidaho.edu) in a single PDF. Application packets will not be considered complete unless they contain all of the following elements:

- A statement of research (this should include a brief summary of research performed to date, future research plans, and a brief statement of need). Two (2) pages maximum.
- Current vitae (we recommend NSF or other agency format, although there is no required format). Two (2) pages maximum.
- A letter of support from the student's major professor (two (2) pages maximum) emailed directly to the CNR Director of Research and Graduate Studies (cnr-drgs@uidaho.edu). This letter should include:
 - A concise, complete statement highlighting the student's exceptional accomplishments to date, such as scholarly publications, contributions to teaching, or other significant activities.
 - Information that outlines what research and writing has already been accomplished.
 - Information describing the financial need of the candidate and what other sources of funding have already been applied to this student.
 - For the CNR Finishing Fellowship, describe the likelihood of the student completing their degree in the semester(s) during which the student will hold the fellowship.
 - For the CNR MS to PhD Bridge Fellowship, describe the likelihood of the student succeeding in the doctoral program, including obtaining funding for support for the remainder of the program. This letter must also document funding the students have applied for or received to conduct their PhD and what significant role(s) they may have played in a group submission for funding.

The CNR Graduate Council committee will evaluate the application packets based on the following criteria:

1. The merit of the research statement.
2. The perceived impact, significance, and relevance of the research in the broad mission of the College of Natural Resources.
3. The likelihood of finishing (if requesting the CNR PhD Finishing Fellowship) or continuing in a doctoral program (if requesting the CNR MS to PhD Bridge Fellowship).
4. The student's need for funding (based on their other sources of funding)

All decisions of the CNR Graduate Council Committee are final and applicants will be notified prior to the end of the semester during which the application is submitted. If successful, Fellows will be expected to:

- Pass a criminal background check
- Submit a summary of their research for publication on the CNR website and or magazine.
- Have a photograph taken by a CNR photographer and used by the College to promote its exceptional graduate students.
- Allow CNR to use the Fellows photographs for promotional purposes.