

UCSB ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

2021 Stapelmann Scholarship for Environmental Field Studies

In addition to laboratory- or classroom-based learning, environmental studies involves learning “out in the field”—in places as diverse as a canyon desert, a city street, or a tropical coral reef. Field-based learning offers an incredible opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to solve complex environmental problems through hands-on research with professionals and community leaders in a variety of natural and cultural settings across the country and around the world.

But often the high costs associated with these programs may prevent some students from participating in such programs. These scholarships are intended to provide financial support to qualified UCSB Environmental Studies or Hydrological Sciences & Policy majors to significantly diminish the costs of participation in an environmental field-based study. Eligible field study programs must award UC transferable units and be offered through an accredited organization such as, but not limited to, *The Wildlands Studies Program*, *School for Field Studies*, *Sierra Institute*, *Wild Rockies Field Institute*, or *UC Natural Reserve System*. The recipients are expected to apply the credit earned from these programs towards their major and/or graduation requirements.

Scholarships: Multiple scholarships ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000 each will be awarded. Recipients can use the scholarship any quarter prior to officially graduating to cover the cost of field-based program’s tuition, in-country fees, travel expenses, camping equipment, scientific diving training, etc.

App. Deadline: Friday, April 30th, 2021

Eligibility: Applicants must be a declared Environmental Studies or Hydrological Sciences & Policy major with a minimum overall GPA of 2.7. Awards can be used any quarter as long as units earned from the completed program are applied towards one’s major/graduation requirements. It’s not required to be already accepted into a field-based program to apply for this scholarship; but proof of formal enrollment will be required before the money will be distributed to the winners. Being a financial aid recipient is not required to apply; but additional consideration will be given to students who can demonstrate this scholarship is critical to allowing one to participate in a field-based program.

Instructions: Applicants meeting the criteria noted above should submit an essay not to exceed 750 words stating why they wish to study in the field, how doing so relates to their studies and career aspirations, how this scholarship would assist in accomplishing their goals, and any other relevant information about the challenges they may have faced in funding their education. A copy of one’s current resume highlighting unique

coursework, internships, research, volunteer opportunities, jobs, awards, and extra curricular activities is also requested.

On a cover sheet, include your full name, perm number, current class level, overall UCSB GPA, major(s) and minor(s) one's pursuing, and current phone number. Please also include the name of the field study program(s) you've been accepted to, applied for, or considering, including the dates the program will be offered. Applications will not be processed if the above information is not provided.

Please combine and save all application materials (cover sheet + essay + resume) into a single PDF and email it to Eric Zimmerman at: zimmerman@es.ucsb.edu with "Stapelmann Scholarship_ your last name" included in the subject by the application deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.

For more information about this scholarship, eligible environmental field studies programs, or other scholarship opportunities visit the Environmental Studies website <http://www.es.ucsb.edu>, ES Advising office, or send your question by email to: advising@es.ucsb.edu.

Award Info:

Scholarship recipients will be determined by the ES Awards Committee and notified in late-May. Proof of formal enrollment in an eligible field studies program will be required before the money will be distributed to the winners. After completion of one's field studies program and prior to graduation a one-page report will be required of each scholarship recipient highlighting their field studies activities.

Please be aware University Policy and federal and state regulations require the reporting of monetary awards students receive if they are financial aid recipients. Although rare, adjustments may be made to a student's financial aid package if a scholarship like this one results in overage of the recipient's maximum financial aid award amount determined each year by UCSB's Financial Aid office. Please direct any questions regarding how this scholarship may affect one's financial aid to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

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