The Alberstadt-Reesman-Stearns Field Studies Funds

The Alberstadt-Reesman-Stearns Fund is provided by a generous endowed gift to the department from its alumni. The gift was granted to the department in support of research and field studies for both graduate and undergraduate student in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. All EES majors and graduate students are eligible to apply for these funds.

Funding requests will be awarded based on the following priorities, in order of significance:

1. **Benefit.** Priority given to projects and experiences having the greatest scholarly benefit.
2. **Need.** Priority goes to projects and experiences that are otherwise unfunded.
3. **Prior Awards.** Applicants not having received funds previously may be given priority.
4. **Engagement.** Priority goes to projects and experiences that lead to further significant engagement with EES faculty, post-docs, or other students. (research or otherwise).

Applying for Alberstadt-Reesman-Stearns Field Studies Funds

After consulting with the DUS (Lily Claiborne) or DGS (Guil Gualda) about their plan, students can apply for these funds by submitting a 1-2 page proposal as described below. Proposals should be submitted at least six weeks in advance of the proposed experience, though a longer timeline is preferable. Proposals for use of funds in the academic year must be submitted by October 15, and proposals for summer awards are due March 15. Out of cycle requests may be accepted under unusual circumstances – please ask. Most awards will be $2000-$3000, although requests of $5,000 or more will be considered where appropriate – please discuss it with your advisor and the DUS or DGS.

The proposal should include the following components:

- A description of the proposed activity (1-2 paragraphs)
- A description of how the proposed experience fits with the research agenda and/or career development plans of the student (1 paragraph)
- A description of whether and how the proposed experience will lead to further significant engagement with EES faculty or other members of the EES community (1 paragraph)
- A proposed budget and statement of need (i.e. are there other ways to fund this experience?)
- Completed application should be sent as a pdf to DUS (for undergrads) or DGS (for grads)