

**THE ANNUAL  
AMBROSE PATTULLO FUND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES  
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR LITERARY WORK**

**Departments of Fisheries and Wildlife and  
Community Sustainability at  
Michigan State University**

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Community Sustainability are pleased to announce the 2024 competition for the annual award of the Ambrose Pattullo Fund for Environmental Issues Graduate Fellowship in Literary Work. The purpose of this award is to recognize students who are interested in current environmental issues and who have written about these issues for possible publication in a literary outlet. **ONE** award will be issued each year provided a suitable candidate can be identified. Fellowships will be approximately **\$2,300**. Fellowship recipients will be required to acknowledge acceptance of the award and terms of the award to the Ambrose Pattullo Fund for Environmental Issues Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee prior to release of fellowship money. **Funds for this award will be distributed during the spring semester once acknowledgments are received.** Recipients must acknowledge funding support of the Ambrose Pattullo Fund for Environmental Issues at Michigan State University when and where appropriate (e.g., presentations, publications). As part of the fellowship, fellowship recipients are required to put forward their fellowship submission to *Spotlight Magazine* for possible publication. *Spotlight Magazine* is a student-produced magazine and is published by the Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Students at Michigan State University.

Criteria for the award are as follows:

- Student applicant must be a graduate student in the departments of Fisheries and Wildlife or Community Sustainability pursuing a Master's or Ph.D. degree.
- Student must submit a manuscript, in **literary form; fiction or non-fiction, whose focus is to raise public awareness of a current environmental issue**. Examples (not an all-inclusive list) of possible literary formats include: stories that spell out environmental policy issues, stories that translate environmental issues in a way that engages the public, and nature essays. Poetry will not be accepted for this competition. **Submissions should draw attention to an environmental issue and be written as a literary piece. Students are encouraged to demonstrate a first-person connection to the topic, incorporating personal experiences, values, or beliefs into the literary piece.**
- Students are required to submit a CV and a confidential letter of support from their major advisor, together with their environmental literary manuscript. **Manuscripts should aim to be no longer than 1,500 words but all pieces submitted will be considered.** If selected for publication, the student may be asked to edit their manuscript to meet word limit and/or editorial requirements of the *Spotlight Magazine*.
- Successful submissions will include pieces that are well structured, tell a compelling story, and demonstrate a grounding in facts.

For questions regarding this fellowship, contact:

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**REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE  
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2024 (all materials must be RECEIVED by this date)

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS ONLY!!!

***FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL RESULT  
IN THE APPLICATION NOT BEING REVIEWED***

***SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION  
NOT BEING REVIEWED – DO NOT SUBMIT ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT IS REQUESTED***

**APPLICATION MATERIALS**

- I. **Completed DATA FORM** (see next page)
- II. **Environmental Issue Literary Piece (fiction or non-fiction) – ONLY ONE PIECE**
- III. **Confidential Letter of Support from Major Advisor.** Student should request a letter from their intended or current major advisor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife or Community Sustainability at MSU. This letter should include faculty assessment of student performance toward degree completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner, student's financial need, and student's interest in and commitment to environmental issues. Letter should be sent directly to Becca Wetzel.
- IV. **Current CV or Resume**
- V. **Submit materials to:**

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13 Natural Resources Building  
Michigan State University  
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**DATA FORM**

(Please complete and include this DATA FORM as a cover sheet to each copy of applicant's nomination materials).

**APPLICANT:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**Degree**  MS  PhD

**Department**  FW  CSUS

**Thesis or Dissertation Title:**

**Thesis or Dissertation Advisor:**