

# Project Summary

## Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

**Project Title:** Jerry O'Neal, National Park Service Student Fellowship Program

**Discipline:** Interdisciplinary

**Type of Project:** Education/Research

**Funding Agency:** National Park Service

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** University of Montana

**Effective Dates:** 9/1/2015 - 6/30/2019

**Funding Amount:** \$9,400

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:**

The National Park Service will work with the University of Montana to organize and administer a student fellowship program to allow students to work on projects at Glacier NP, Little Bighorn Battlefield NM, and Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS.

Applications will be judged on scientific merit, technical feasibility, and relevance of the proposed work to park managers. Proposals may cover a portion of an ongoing research project, a one-time survey or project, or the expansion of an existing project that includes the above mentioned criteria. Projects may be of one to three year duration. Projects will need to comply with appropriate agency regulations and permits (separately administered from this fellowship.). For the first year of this program, the student applicants must be graduate students or superior upper division undergraduate students (3.2 GPA or above) at one of the RM-CESU member universities.

Fellowships will range from \$1,000-\$4,000 per project, and may include housing provided at Glacier National Park. In addition to a summary report or publication, students are expected to provide one or more educational products to facilitate information transfer beyond the scientific audience, such as a presentation to site managers, a public seminar, CD, or non-technical article.

The next call for proposals will go out in November 2015.

**Outcomes with Completion Dates:**

Early November - release call for proposals

January - February - select members for review panel

Mid-February - deadline for submission of student applications to the RM-CESU

Early March - RM-CESU will provide the panel with proposals for review

Mid-March - review panel meets by this date to rank student proposals (one day; may be done via conference call)

Early April - award announcements

April - June - funds dispersed; support arrangements made with park(s)

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