What: The University of Oklahoma Biological Station (UOBS) anticipates offering graduate fellowships of $3,000 for summer research conducted at our Biological Station during 2018. Housing accommodations at UOBS are provided. Fellows are responsible for food and other living expenses.

Eligibility: (1) Awardedees must be enrolled in a research-based MS or PhD graduate program at an accredited college or university, and must be supervised by a faculty mentor or advisor during the project period. (2) Proposed research must involve work conducted at UOBS.

Research Topics: Research may focus on field or laboratory studies involving ecological systems, including studies of natural history, evolution, ecology, population biology, genetics of natural populations, and other biological or environmental topics.

Research Assistants: Graduate Summer Research Fellowship recipients may request one or more undergraduate research assistants to participate in research conducted at the Biological Station. Assignment of a research assistant depends on availability and other circumstances. Fellowship recipients who request a research assistant are expected to serve as research mentors in a manner that parallels NSF’s Research Experiences for Undergraduates program.

Where: Research must be conducted at the University of Oklahoma Biological Station.
Awardees: After receiving notification of an award, we will work with awardees to determine their research needs, including lab space, and access to other research facilities and equipment.

Application Guidelines:

1. Complete, sign, and submit the UOBS Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Application Form.

2. Prepare and submit a narrative proposal describing the research project. The proposal should include (a) conceptual questions addressed in the proposed research, (b) relevant background and introductory information, (c) description of proposed research and analyses, (d) statement describing which portions of the proposed research will be conducted at the University of Oklahoma Biological Station, and (e) description of research space and equipment needs at the Biological Station.

3. The proposal narrative is limited to a maximum of 3 pages, including any figures or tables. One additional page containing literature cited may be added.

4. Submit all application materials electronically (pdf format preferred) to Gary Wellborn, UOBS Director (gwellborn@ou.edu). The UOBS Graduate Fellowship Committee will evaluate proposals and determine recipients.

Additional Information:

1. Research on vertebrate animals will require approval of the University of Oklahoma Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee before research can begin. Information is available at http://iacuc.ou.edu/. Students with IACUC approval from another institution should contact Gary Wellborn (gwellborn@ou.edu) to coordinate approval for work at UOBS.

2. For questions related to the graduate fellowships, research facilities, equipment available at UOBS, and other matters please contact Gary Wellborn (gwellborn@ou.edu; Cell: (405) 996-0826).

3. Successful applicants will be required to submit a final (1-2 page) report to the UOBS Director upon completion of the project. We also ask that awardees acknowledge the University of Oklahoma Biological Station in publications resulting from this fellowship program, and that reprints be forwarded to the Director for addition to the UOBS library collection.

Proposal Due Date for Full Consideration: February 22, 2019

Award Notification Target Date: March 1, 2019
Please submit this application and proposal to Gary Wellborn, Director (gwellborn@ou.edu)

Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Sooner ID (if OU student): ___________ E-mail address: ____________________________
Department: ____________________________ Institution: ____________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________
Phone (include area code): ____________________________
Anticipated Graduation Date: ________________ Type of Degree (M.S., Ph.D.): ________________

Please list other sources of Summer 2018 funding that you have secured, applied for, or for which you intend to apply:

Submit a research proposal:
In addition to this application form, applicants must submit a research proposal following instructions described in Application Guidelines.

Faculty Mentor’s Name: ____________________________

Faculty Mentor’s Signature ____________________________ Date ________________

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________ Date ________________