

**Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability**  
**2025-2026 Student Research Fellowships**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Fellowship Goals:** One of the primary goals of the [Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability](#) (CEJS) is to support the scholarship of faculty and students across campus engaged in EJS endeavors. Furthermore, we hope to foster collegiality of EJS scholars on campus and opportunities for multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary scholarship that spans the schools and colleges of Seattle University.

**Student research fellowship program description:** Proposals for student research fellowships are encouraged from all disciplines and for all types of scholarly research on topics related to environmental justice or sustainability. Projects that include collaboration across disciplines or schools/colleges are particularly encouraged. Proposals may be submitted by individual students or by student teams. The CEJS student fellowship program provides support for new projects and for extending previous endeavors. CEJS student fellows are expected to produce a tangible scholarly product, such as a substantial academic paper, a conference presentation, an artistic exhibit or presentation, or other pre-professional product as a result of their participation in this program.

**Anticipated Timeline, 2025-2026 Fellowships:**

11/04/2024	Call for proposals is announced
03/03/2025	Proposals due by noon to <a href="mailto:cejs@seattleu.edu">cejs@seattleu.edu</a>
Earth Day (04/22/25)	2025-2026 CEJS Student Fellows announced
May 2025	Attend 2024-2025 CEJS student fellows end-of-year presentation. Introduce your research project.
October 2025	Fellows start-of-year meeting: student fellows, faculty mentors, CEJS staff
February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellows’ mid-year meeting: student fellows, faculty mentors, CEJS staff</li> <li>• Mid-year research update is due</li> </ul>
May 2026	Present your research at the CEJS Student Fellows Research Presentation event
June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report and product due.</li> <li>• Optional but encouraged: Submit research paper to <a href="#">SUURJ</a> (submission deadline is in Fall quarter 2026)</li> </ul>

**Eligibility:** Full-time continuing undergraduate and graduate students with the following conditions:

- Graduation date no sooner than Spring 2026
- Must be able to commit to a year-long scholarly project
- Must be willing to meet the fellowship requirements outlined below
- Must have the ongoing support of a faculty mentor for the duration of the project

**Fellowship requirements:**

- Attend 2024-2025 CEJS Student Fellows Research Presentation event in May 2025 and introduce your research project
- Attend two student fellowship meetings in academic year 2025-2026
- Submit a brief mid-year progress report (Winter quarter 2026)
- Present your work at the annual CEJS Student Fellows Research Presentation (Spring quarter 2026)
- Complete one tangible scholarly product (substantial paper, artistic presentation, etc.)
- Submit a final report that outlines the results of the project by June 2026.

### Requirements for Faculty Mentors:

- As part of the fellowship application process, please send a brief statement indicating your support for the project and your willingness to mentor the student/team. Instructions are given in the application sections below.
- Regular supervision of the student's/team's work, including:
  - Review and approval of project proposal
  - At least monthly consultation with student/team throughout the fellowship year
  - Approval of mid-year report
  - Final evaluation of student's/team's scholarly product
  - Approval of end-year report

**Fellowship Award:** CEJS will award two research fellowships in 2025-2026. A \$2,500 stipend will be awarded per fellowship project.

### Application Components (please see and complete the separate "Cover and Questions" PDF):

1. Cover sheet
  - a. Applicant(s) information
  - b. Brief summary (250 words) of the proposed scholarly work/project
  - c. Signature(s)
2. Current resume(s)
3. Project proposal, minimum 11-point font with 1-inch margins, maximum 3 pages. Note that the review panel will be comprised of faculty and professionals from a variety of EJS disciplines. Please write your proposal with this audience in mind.
  - a. Intended objective(s) of the project and the methodology you will employ
  - b. Discussion of the significance of your project to the larger concerns of environmental justice or sustainability
  - c. Project timeline
4. Statement of support and commitment from faculty mentor (submitted separately, by email) that indicates the mentor:
  - a. Has read the project proposal and endorses the proposed work
  - b. Can provide supervision and mentorship throughout the duration of the project, as outlined in the "requirements for faculty mentors" above

**Application Procedure:** Submit the documents (cover sheet/proposal and CV(s)) in PDF format. Send as email attachments in one message to [cejs@seattleu.edu](mailto:cejs@seattleu.edu) **by noon on March 3, 2025**. Ask your faculty mentor to email their statement of support to this address by this deadline as well.

### Selection Criteria:

- Clarity of proposal—needs to be easily understood by readers not in your discipline
- Significance of project within the applicant's academic discipline or significance for interdisciplinary scholarship
- Potential for advancing the scholarship of environmental justice and sustainability
- Contribution of the project to the fellow's educational and career goals
- Viability of project—realistic objectives, timeline, and estimate of required resources