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## Request for Proposals

### Energy GA Graduate Assistantships 2023-24

School of Graduate Education University of Wyoming

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#### Program Summary

The School of Graduate Education is pleased to issue a call for proposals to support doctoral graduate students conducting energy research, broadly defined. The program is intended to provide investigators with graduate student support for a period of up to one year to study basic energy research, technology innovation in energy development, energy conversion, reclamation of disturbances associated with energy extraction, and anticipation and mitigation of environmental and cultural resource impacts associated with energy development. Priority will be given to research projects that are directly relevant to Wyoming's current energy emphases.

According to Wyoming SF0136: "each year, at least fifty percent (50%) of all funds awarded for energy science graduate stipends . . . shall be awarded to qualifying students who have demonstrated Wyoming residency as determined by the University of Wyoming or who are graduates of the University of Wyoming." Thus, *highest priority will be given to proposals that specifically fund Wyoming residents and UW graduates.*

Awards will be made to specific investigators based on the technical merits of the proposal, past awards held by the investigators and demonstrated success in graduate student guidance and research. Proposals that recruit **new** graduate students matriculating at UW in Summer or Fall 2023 are encouraged. Nevertheless, the Energy GA funding is also available to fund ongoing graduate students. If an ongoing student is funded, an explanation of how the Energy GA funding did **not** supplant existing funding must be given in the Annual Report (see "Reporting," below). The graduate assistantships are to be awarded to only highly qualified candidates.

As required, the University of Wyoming must report annually on the graduate assistantships awarded with funding from this appropriation. As such, all efforts will be made to award these graduate assistantships to deserving and promising recipients.

Academic-year stipends will be \$21,258 for PhD students. Tuition, mandatory fees (up to 12 credits per semester at the normal resident rate) and health insurance will also be provided.

Energy graduate assistants may be hired as either Graduate Research Assistants (GRA) or Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA). If department hires as a GTA, energy GAs must be assigned teaching duties comparable to those in effect for all state-funded graduate assistantships consistent with the UW GA Job Description at: [http://www.uwyo.edu/uwgrad/policies/gta\\_job\\_desc\\_time\\_limits\\_2020\\_updated\\_final.pdf](http://www.uwyo.edu/uwgrad/policies/gta_job_desc_time_limits_2020_updated_final.pdf).

## Proposals and Award Process

Proposals for energy research should provide sufficient background information to fully describe the context of the problem to be addressed by the graduate student's thesis or dissertation research, written for a non-technical audience outside of the discipline. The goals of the graduate student's project and expected outcomes should be clearly articulated for a general audience. Additionally, a technical statement must describe the research and the intended approach to the problem. Finally, an abbreviated CV (maximum two-page) of the principal investigator should be provided. Proposal length is limited to a maximum of four pages, including the CV of the PI. Note: **Please be sure to insert your department and the last name(s) of faculty submitting the proposal into your header.**

Proposals are due in the School of Graduate Education by **5 pm January 6**. Please submit proposals **as an electronic pdf** to Vice Provost & Dean Jim Ahern, via Michele Peck ([mpeck@uwyo.edu](mailto:mpeck@uwyo.edu)).

We hope to provide notice of a preliminary award by January 27; awarded investigators should then proceed to recruit a qualifying graduate student. Candidates must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Bachelor's degree with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher; or a graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- GRE verbal + quantitative score of 305 or higher. GRE scores are required by the legislative appropriation even if the graduate program does not require them for applicants to their program.
- Admission or ongoing enrollment in AY 2023-24 to a UW graduate program to pursue a PhD. Hence, the student must be matriculated or enrolled in a UW graduate program in Summer or Fall 2023. Given the requirements of SF0136, funding of Wyoming residents and UW graduates is highly encouraged. Current UW undergraduates who enter a graduate program during the semesters noted are eligible. Moreover, UW students who

transition from a master's degree to a PhD during these semesters are also eligible.

- Demonstrated ability to participate in classroom teaching: UW admissions requires; GRE writing 3.0 or greater, or Toefl 540, 76 iBT. Candidates must pass the UW English Proficiency Assessment Program before teaching duties are assumed. Failure to pass this program may result in the cancellation of the assistantship.

Once a potential student recipient of the Energy Graduate Assistantship has been identified, investigators should submit the student's name and credentials to the School of Graduate Education (SGE) using the form provided with this RFP. Upon approval of the student by SGE, funds will be released to the home department/program of the PI. *Please note that an award is not considered final until a qualifying student has been identified to work on the proposed project and the student has accepted the award.*

## Reporting

An Annual Report of no more than 2 pages is due in the SGE in care of Michele Peck ([mpeck@uwyo.edu](mailto:mpeck@uwyo.edu)) by **14 August 2024**.

**Energy GA: Student information**  
**AY 2023-24**

*(return completed form to [mpeck@uwyo.edu](mailto:mpeck@uwyo.edu) by June 1, 2023)*

Name of graduate student:

Matriculation date for proposed program: (Summer 2023, Fall 2023):

Department and graduate program:

Graduate thesis advisor:

Undergraduate Institution and Discipline                      Date of Degree                      GPA:

Graduate Institution and Discipline                      Date of Degree                      GPA:

GRE score    Verbal                      Quantitative                      Total (Verbal +Quantitative):

GRE    Analytical (writing) score:

International Applicants: TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo score:

If GTA:

International Applicants: Oral Proficiency Exam (verification by UW ESL office):

Wyoming Resident or UW alum (Yes or No):