Voss Undergraduate Research Fellowships in Environmental Science and Communication

Voss Fellowships are the premier training and funding opportunities for undergraduates interested in environmental research at Brown, offering awardees a large stipend, plus additional funds for research expenses. They are open to rising seniors in any concentration who intend to pursue a summer research experience that will become the framework for their honors thesis.

Voss Fellows must have their summer project advised by either a Brown University professor or Brown faculty member in conjunction with an environmental practitioner based off-campus. During the fall and spring semesters of their senior year, Voss Fellows are provided with science communication training and professional development opportunities. Voss Fellows also present a poster of their research findings at an annual event in the spring semester.

Funding:
- $4,000 stipend (domestic projects), $5,500 stipend (international projects)
- $2,000 for research expenses
- $3,200 Department Summer Earnings Waiver (DSEW) awards for students who qualify

Restrictions:
- These awards fund substantive experiences that involve full-time or close to full-time commitments over at least a 12 week period during the summer between a student’s junior and senior years.
- These awards may not be combined with other funding from Brown, such as UTRAs, Royce, LINK or Environmental Studies and Sciences Research/Internship awards.

Expectations during the fellowship year:
- Attend bi-weekly lunchtime Wednesday meetings to discuss research progress and engage in professional development training. This cohort building training is an integral part of the fellowship requirement. It is not optional.

Expectations by the end of the fellowship year:
- Provide a 1-2 paragraph summary of your summer research experience (and if possible photos of you in the field)
- Create and present a poster of research findings at an annual event in the spring semester
- Submit a pdf copy of research poster for IBES records
- Deliver a digital abstract of your Voss Fellowship research project
- Provide a copy of your resume with permanent mailing address and non-Brown email

Application Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019

Applications Submitted to the Brown UFunds site must include the following:
1. The title of your planned research project.
2. The name and contact information of the individual (or individuals) who will serve as your research mentor(s) and thesis advisor(s) for the summer and subsequent year.
3. The length of the position (number of weeks) and estimated number of hours per week that you expect to work with this individual over the summer.
4. A description, in fewer than 500 words, of the question or hypothesis, methods and potential implications of your planned research.
5. A description, in fewer than 300 words, of the courses, research or other experiences you’ve had that you believe prepared you to conduct this work.
6. A description, in fewer than 300 words, of how you believe this research experience will benefit you academically and professionally.
7. A list of other funding sources you’ve applied for or plan to apply for in order to finance this position.
8. Two letters of recommendation, one from your research mentor and one from another individual, must be uploaded to the UFunds site by your recommenders no later than Friday, February 22, 2019:
   a. Mentor letter should – (1) Discuss the qualities of the student that make them especially appropriate for the opportunity, (2) Mention the extent of mentor engagement, supervision and support of the student and (3) Confirm that student is in consideration or has been offered/accepted the opportunity
   b. Second Letter should – (1) Discuss the qualities of the student that make them especially appropriate for the opportunity