

CLIMATE ADAPTATION SCIENTISTS OF TOMORROW MINI-GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

DEADLINE: March 1st, 2023, 11:59pm CT

The USGS Climate Adaption Scientists of Tomorrow Hydroclimate Program seeks graduate student mini-grant applications that demonstrate financial need for professional activities. The program aims to offset the cost of expenses related to research, professional development, and/or customary student educational expenses for students from diverse backgrounds in the climate sciences, and closely related disciplines, providing professional development opportunities to cultivate future leaders in the field. *We especially encourage underrepresented students in STEM, first generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to apply.*

The goals of the Climate Adaptation Scientists of Tomorrow Program are to:

- to increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
- cultivate the next generation of climate scientists
- foster climate science programs at Minority Serving Institutions (Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal College and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Asian American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions)
- Eligibility:
 - Must be a currently full-time enrolled graduate student from a university that is part of the Southeast Climate Adaption Science Center (SECASC), affiliated with a SECASC Tribal partner, engaged on a current SECASC funded project, or currently enrolled at Savannah State University or Jackson State University. See website [here](#) for list of consortium universities and tribal partners.
- Financial Support:
 - Available funding up to \$2,000 per successful applicant. Funding can be used for customary educational, professional development or research expenses related to the student's degree plan in a climate related field.
- Required Professional Development:
 - Successful awardees will be required to attend an online professional development workshop series co-organized by Louisiana State University and Auburn University. More information will be provided at award notification.
- Application Materials - Complete the on-line application [here](#). Be ready to upload the below materials:
 - Include a complete CV.
 - Include a one-page research statement that describes the type of climate or related research you conduct and your climate leadership experience/potential.
 - Include unofficial graduate transcript.

- Include a one-page statement that describes your financial need, the proposed development activity, and the anticipated benefit to your academic and professional development as a climate scientist. Please describe how your professional development will advance the goals of the USGS SECASC program. Please also include a budget table summary for the estimated expenses (up to \$2000).

Rubric categories for application evaluation include (but are not limited to): Research relevance to climate science, demonstrated financial need, degree of professional development, student potential for climate leadership. We encourage applicants to describe these areas in detail in their statements.

Timeline:

March 1st, 2023–
Application Deadline April
1st, 2023 – Award notifications
Jan 31st, 2024 – Funding must be spent by awardees

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