



Student Scholarship Opportunity – Environmental Journalism

Students at nine Great Lakes regional universities are eligible to apply for scholarships to attend the nation's largest gathering of environmental reporters on October 3-7, 2018 in Flint, Michigan.

Support for attending the national [Society of Environmental Journalists 28th Annual Conference](#) will be provided by the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research. CIGLR is offering registration, travel, and housing assistance for up to four students from CIGLR's Regional Consortium Universities: Central Michigan University, Cornell University, Grand Valley State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, University of Windsor, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The primary consideration for awards will be the student's career plan and trajectory for reporting environmental issues to the public. Students of any discipline and college grade level are welcome to apply. CIGLR seeks to use these scholarships to increase diversity in environmental journalism, and thus, strongly encourages students from traditionally underrepresented groups to apply.

The application deadline is September 11, 2018 at 11:59 pm Eastern. Email applications to Mary Ogdahl, CIGLR Program Manager, ogdahlm@umich.edu. Applicants will be notified of their status by 5 pm on September 14.

The [Society of Environmental Journalists](#) is an association of professional journalists dedicated to strengthening the quality, reach, and viability of journalism across all media to advance public understanding of environmental issues. This year's conference, hosted by the University of Michigan-Flint, provides sessions for honing the craft of writing and reporting and also for providing insights into critical election-related issues, such as bridging the urban-rural divide. Sessions and tours comprise local, national and global environmental issues. See agenda: <https://www.sej.org/sej-annual-conferences/AC2018-agenda>

The Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research, <https://cigl.seas.umich.edu/>, is supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and hosted at the University of Michigan. It trains research scientists and turns research into action for safe and healthy Great Lakes communities.

Application

Deadline is September 11, 2018 at 11:59 pm Eastern

Name:

University*:

Major:

Email address:

Grade level:

Phone number:

**Must be one of CIGLR's Regional Consortium partners: Central Michigan University, Cornell University, Grand Valley State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, University of Windsor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

1) Essay (required): Write no more than 150 words on how attending the SEJ conference is relevant to your career plans and to communicating environmental issues to the public.

2) Products (optional): Provide links to any environmental reporting you have produced.

3) Letter (required): Attach one letter of recommendation with your application.

Optional Biographic Information

Gender:

Female

Male

Transgender or Transitioning

If none of these offers a satisfactory option, please enter you preferred description here:

Prefer not to answer

Race/Ethnicity (select the one that best applies):

American Indian or Alaska Native

Arab or Middle Eastern

Asian

Black or African American (Not Hispanic)

Hispanic or Latino/a

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White or Caucasian (Not Hispanic)

Biracial (Please specify below)

Multiracial (Please specify below)

Other (Please specify below)

Prefer not to answer

Specify:

Socioeconomic Status (select all that apply):

First generation college student

Federal Pell Grant eligible

Veteran

Raised in a single parent household

Need-based financial aid recipient or work study student

Prefer not to answer