

Chris & Amy Doran Climate Fellowship

The Chris & Amy Doran Climate Fellowship will be awarded each year to one rising junior or senior student at Seaver College (greater than 60 units completed) who demonstrates a deep and abiding commitment to educating the Seaver community about the effects of anthropogenic climate change on communities and/or ecosystems either domestically or internationally.

As part of the application, students will propose a project that has the potential to result in the significant elucidation of the effects of anthropogenic climate change to the Seaver community or a project to mitigate Pepperdine University's contribution to anthropogenic climate change. Either type of project should be both academically rigorous and explainable to a non-scholarly audience. Special consideration will be given to projects that illustrate the disproportionate burden anthropogenic climate change has on fragile, vulnerable, or marginalized communities and/or ecosystems, whether domestically or internationally. The fellow will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$7,500 during the academic year immediately following their application: \$3,750 in each semester. Awarding of the spring semester scholarship is dependent upon satisfactory progress on the fellow's project during the fall semester.

Student applicants should have received approval from a faculty member or administrator who has agreed to work with the student through the entirety of the project. Students granted the fellowship will enroll in a directed study, special topics, internship/fieldwork, or research course (minimum of two units) during their fellowship year (both fall and spring semesters) supervised by their faculty or administrative mentor. Throughout their fellowship year, each fellow will be mentored by their faculty member or administrator and will be expected to devote significant time to completing the project and developing a plan for its implementation.

As part of the fellowship, awardees and their faculty mentors will attend the Climate Calling program during the academic year as well as other special invitations to guest speakers or events in association with climate-related work at Seaver. The fellow will give a presentation of their project to a segment of the Seaver community in April of the fellowship year. Faculty mentors will receive a \$2,000 stipend for their support of the fellow.

Preference will be given to student applicants who meet the following criteria:

- 3.0 GPA or higher. Students with lower GPAs may apply, but should briefly discuss their academic performance and suitability to receive a fellowship in their cover letter.

- A well-written and thoughtful project proposal that addresses an area of perceived educational need in the Seaver College community.
- A compelling letter of support from their faculty/administrative mentor.
- A timeline that details the proposed project's completion within the student's fellowship year.
- A personal history that indicates a sincere commitment to educating the Seaver community about the effects of anthropogenic climate change.

Student applications will include:

- A cover letter detailing their commitment to educating the Seaver community about the effects of anthropogenic climate change and how that commitment came to be formative for their personal development.
- A project proposal (3 to 4 pages maximum length) that describes the project, the potential effect of the project within the Seaver community, a timeline for completion of the project, and plans for sustaining the project beyond the implementation year, if relevant.

Applications will be reviewed by: the Senior Associate Dean, the Associate Dean for Student and Faculty Development, two Seaver College faculty members, and one staff member. The decisions of the application review committee will be reviewed and affirmed by the Dean of Seaver College.

All applications for a fellowship award are due on March 25 of the preceding academic year. Applications will be submitted through [this form](#). If you have questions, email seaver.dean@pepperdine.edu. Award decisions will be announced by April 30.