



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY FELLOWSHIPS
2007 - 2008**

With the understanding that there will be funds, the Interdisciplinary Environmental Toxicology Program will make Graduate Research Assistantship appointments for the 2007 – 2008 academic year. Successful candidates will have the special designation of **Environmental Toxicology Scholar**. Faculty, please bring this notice to the attention of students who are potential applicants for these awards.

The applications will be due by Friday, February 23, 2007 and decisions will be made shortly thereafter. Preference will be given to applicants whose **career and research interests involve health related aspects of environmental toxicology**. Each application must include all items listed below. **Incomplete application packages cannot be considered**. Please read the directions carefully.

1. Applications must be complete, and be received at the Department of Veterinary Biosciences (MC-002), 2001 S. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana, IL 61802 by 5:00 pm on February 23, 2007 (mail/email application packets to Karen Decker).
2. Applications must be accompanied by a letter from a UIUC faculty member who is presently a member, or has requested membership in the Interdisciplinary Environmental Toxicology Program. This letter should state that the faculty member sponsors the applicant for admission to the program, and permits the applicant to perform the proposed research under their direction. Should any program faculty member sponsor more than one applicant, the sponsor must rank applicants.
3. Each application must include all of the following:
 - a) University transcripts, which include courses and grades for the last four years of study (note: a list of courses and grades **cannot** be substituted for actual transcripts).
 - b) A list of proposed courses to be taken during the next 3 years. This list must include Basic Toxicology and at least two other courses from the list of toxicology core courses (<http://www.viron.uiuc.edu/envtox/>). In addition, Toxicology Scholars are required to register for the Toxicology Seminar (held Fridays at noon) every semester during the award period.
 - c) A career goal statement that clearly identifies the linkage to environmental toxicology. Limit this to no more than ½ page, single-spaced typed.
 - d) A research plan that clearly identifies the linkage to environmental toxicology. Limit this to no more than three single-spaced typed pages. The research plan must include the following three sections: (1) the rationale for the research; (2) the hypothesis to be tested; and (3) a summary of the methods to be used. The

students proposed research advisor must sign off on the research proposal as evidence that he or she has read and approves of the proposal.

- e) Three letters of recommendation. Each letter should comment on the student's intellectual ability, capacity for original thought, aptitude for research, dependability and integrity. **Research advisors must NOT use standard evaluation forms employed for application to the Graduate College.** (Note: if the faculty member writes letters for more than one student, he/she must rank the students.).
- f) A completed Toxicology Scholars Application Form.

Applicants will be judged on several points:

- Strength of scholastic record
- Career goal statement and its linkage to environmental toxicology
- Research plan and its linkage to environmental toxicology
- Three reference letters
- Proposed coursework, its compliance to the program core courses, and its relevance to environmental toxicology.

A review committee of faculty from the Interdisciplinary Environmental Toxicology Program will screen the applications. Faculty who are sponsors of applicants will not serve on the committee. Appointments will begin August 16, 2007. The awards will consist of stipends ranging from 25% to 50% time for 11 months (academic year and two summer months). These stipends are not subject to individual departmental or college guidelines; and they do not contain obligations for accrued vacation and sick leave compensation. Where higher rates and vacation/sick leave obligations are in force, departmental arrangements to cover such obligations will have to be made in advance of the award initiation. A maximum three-year funding commitment is implied at 1/2 time for the first year and 1/4 time for the following two years. Faculty are expected to make up the balance of the funding in years two and three from their own research efforts as a show of genuine participation in the program. The program is intended to serve as a recruitment mechanism to bring students into environmental toxicology and to stimulate faculty research in environmental toxicology.

Admission to graduate study in the Interdisciplinary Toxicology Program implies certain curricular obligations. These include Basic Toxicology, regular participation in the Interdisciplinary Environmental Toxicology Seminar, and two other toxicologically related courses that have been submitted to and approved by the Steering Committee. Program review will be conducted annually by the Steering Committee.

APPLICATION FOR TOXICOLOGY SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP

Interdisciplinary Environmental Toxicology Program

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

(Please type or print in black ink.)

1. Complete Legal Name _____

2. University Identification Number (UIN) _____

3. Which academic year are you applying? _____

4. Address _____
Street City Zip

5. Telephone Number (land line): _____ Cell phone: _____

6. What degree are you seeking? MS PhD

7. Department in which you will receive your degree: _____

8. Year of Graduate Study _____

9. Academic Training:

Institution	Major Field	Dates Attended	Degree(s) Received	Date Awarded or expected

10. List scholarships, prizes, honors or other recognition. Add additional page if necessary.

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11. List the names, titles, institutions, and addresses of three persons who will submit letters of reference in your behalf.

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