



2010 Michigan Section AWWA Fellowship for Water Quality and Treatment Study

Introduction

The Research and Technical Practices (RTP) Committee of the Michigan Section of American Water Works Association (AWWA) invites applications for fellowship study in areas related to water quality and treatment. The goals of this fellowship are to stimulate greater involvement of the Michigan's academic institutions and both graduate and undergraduate students in conducting studies in drinking water related fields and to encourage innovative and creative solutions to priority problems of the drinking water community.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be attending an accredited Michigan college or university.
2. Applicants must be junior or senior undergraduate (with declared major) students, graduate students, or admitted to graduate school. Standing is based on the time of start of the fellowship program.

Available Funds and Conditions

The Michigan Section AWWA offers one fellowship award in the Undergraduate fellowship program and one fellowship award in the Graduate fellowship program. Each award is **\$3,000**. Of this amount, **\$2000** is provided to the student for compensation. The disbursement of this compensation is tied to the student's study program. A sponsoring professor receives the remaining **\$1000** to cover research-related expenses, which will be transferred into a university account. The institution should be able to set up this research account without overhead, which will be controlled by the sponsoring professor.

The fellowships are expected to be awarded in January 2010. The fellowship program is for one year. The dates of the fellowship are flexible to accommodate recipient's academic needs. Upon completion of the program, the students are encouraged to submit a research paper or do an oral/poster presentation at the RTP/AWWA sponsored events.

All applicants will be awarded with a one-year AWWA membership.

Application Procedure

The applicant must submit the following:

1. Description of the proposed study (*1-2 pages*), signed by the applicant and the sponsoring professor.
2. Statement of interests (*500 words*).
3. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's sponsoring professor.
4. A copy of transcripts of college work.

Each applicant must send all the required items with a cover letter. The cover letter should include the applicant's major, cumulative grade point average (GPA), and expected date of graduation. All entries must be postmarked on or before **November 27, 2009**. The application package should be sent to:

Alex Yavich, Ph.D., P.E.
Fellowship Subcommittee Chair
Optimization Solutions Environmental, LLC
335 Bridge Str. NW, Ste 1900
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

To accelerate the distribution of application materials to the members of the review committee, items 1-3 of the application package can be e-mailed to yavichal@osenv.com. The applicant must also mail hard copies of all the required items to the address above.

Selection Process

The entries will be evaluated by the members of the RTP Committee. The selections will be made based on the merits of proposed study and academic achievements.

Funding

The funding will be provided from general funds of the Michigan Section AWWA, which are derived from membership fees and corporate sponsorship.

For Further Information

For additional information, contact Alex Yavich at (616) 975-0847 or yavichal@osenv.com.