

Aquila Energy Sciences Fellowship – \$2,500

Graduate Fellowship. The Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research (NCESR) is accepting applications from April 10, 2008 – May 16, 2008 for the *Aquila Energy Sciences Fellowship*. This graduate fellowship is for \$2,500 and is made possible by a contribution from Aquila, Inc., (www.aquila.com) to the University of Nebraska Foundation. Aquila provides natural gas service in eastern Nebraska.

Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Currently be pursuing an MS or PhD at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL);
2. Have graduate class standing as a full-time student **in the second year of your program**;
3. Have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above; and
4. Have demonstrated the potential for making an impact in the energy sciences (broad sense, including all sciences and engineering, economics, policy, and architecture) and the NCESR mission through their graduate research project and coursework to fulfill requirements for either an MS or PhD at UNL; and
5. Submit a complete application by the deadline.

Application Requirements. Applications that are not complete, do not follow the instructions or are received late will not be considered. A complete application must include the following:

1. Application. Complete application form with all required information, signature and date.
2. Additional Applicant Information. Limited to one (1) page, provide the following information:
 - a. Postsecondary schools attended and a brief description of the area(s) of study;
 - b. Grade Points Average (GPA) for undergraduate and graduate school;
 - c. Graduate level classes/units taking in the current semester; and
 - d. Past experience relevant to this fellowship, including awards received and/or publications.
3. Narrative. Provide a narrative that describes career goals, graduate course of study and research thesis project that demonstrate the applicant's potential to make an impact on energy sciences and the NCESR mission. The narrative is limited to two (2) pages, using one inch margins with a minimum of 11 point font.
4. Transcript. Attach a transcript for graduate school.
5. Reference Letters. Attach two (2) letters of reference, with one from your thesis supervisor.

NCESR Mission. The NCESR mission is to conduct energy research that produces new technologies, processes and systems that provide new or significantly enhanced energy sources, and improve the quality of life and economic opportunity for Nebraskans. NCESR (<http://ncesr.unl.edu>) was created in April 2006 as a partnership between UNL and Nebraska Public Power District (www.nppd.com), which provides electricity service in all or parts of 91 of Nebraska's 93 counties.

Funds. The individual selected will receive the first \$1,250 for the Fall Semester of the 08/09 Academic Year and the second \$1,250 for the Spring Semester of the 08/09 Academic Year. These fellowship funds are not taxable income to the recipient under Section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRS Code) when applied to expenses for tuition, fees, book and supplies. However, the funds are to be treated as taxable income, as defined by the IRS Code, should the recipient use any of these funds to other expenses – including, but not limited to – room, board and/or miscellaneous personal expenses.

Deadline. **The deadline is May 16, 2008.** Mail, with postmark no later than May 16, 2008, or deliver no later than 5:00 p.m., CST on May 16, 2008 to:

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