



YOLO BASIN FOUNDATION GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

To recognize the Yolo Basin Foundation's 25th anniversary in 2015 and to honor its founder Robin Kulakow, the Kulakow-Julian Family established the "Yolo Basin Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship Fund." The gift provides support for selected graduate students who are working in the areas of environmental education, public use, environmental sciences, or environmental/conservation policy specifically related to the 16,800-acre Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area or the 60,000-acre Yolo Bypass.

The Fellowship includes an annual stipend, as well as mentoring, for the student's research. Each fellowship is overseen by a committee of professionals associated with the Yolo Basin Foundation. Recipients are required to give quarterly reports on their research and at the end of the fellowship make a presentation of their findings.

2021-2022 Fellowship Program

The 2021-2022 award will go to a student or students doing graduate research that is directly related to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area or the larger Yolo Bypass.

Awards: \$5,000 - \$15,000 annually

Application deadlines: June 30, 2021

Fellowship(s) awarded: September 30, 2021

Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in Masters or PhD programs at the University of California, Davis, Sacramento State University or other universities doing research in the Yolo Bypass.

Potential Research topics:

- Environmental science related to wetlands ecology, restoration or management of wildlife habitat, pasture, rice production, vernal pools, water quality, or biology of wetland related plant/animal species (including both terrestrial and aquatic species)
- Environmental education, especially evaluating an aspect of the *Discover the Flyway* school program
- Public use of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area such as wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, hiking and art as well as visitor counts, statistics, or surveys
- Policy research related to long-term resource management at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area or the larger Yolo Bypass

Fellowship Application Requirements

- Written application (form attached)
- Description of the proposed project including statement of purpose, research methods, schedule, brief budget and how it will benefit resources in the Yolo Bypass (800 words)
- One letter of recommendation from a professor overseeing the research project
- College transcript (copy from most recent)

Students are encouraged to contact Robin Kulakow (robin@yolobasin.org) if they have questions or would like to discuss research projects before applying.

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