

BOYD EVISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

2026 CALL—APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2026

The Grand Teton Association (GTA) offers a fellowship of \$15,000/project for graduate studies focused on documenting *lesser-known* aspects of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem--Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, and surrounding lands. Projects that cover multiple parks or cross jurisdictions are encouraged. The fellowship especially seeks to advance studies of ecosystem elements such as air and water; geologic elements and processes; plants, insects, reptiles, amphibians, fungi; and social science related to public understanding of natural resources use or management. Projects may extend over several seasons and must comply with appropriate agency regulations and permits (separately administered from this fellowship). Application forms can be found at [Research Permit and Reporting System \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/learn/education/graduate-fellowship).



Graduate students pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree are invited to submit proposals to be judged on the following:

- The value of information to be gained by the scientific community and resource managers
- Technical soundness, clarity of problem definition, and uniqueness of the proposed study
- Qualifications of the student and their major advisor/institution,
- How the researcher will provide results and outreach to resource managers and interested public, and a
- Budget clearly indicating the total project costs, including other contributions in addition to this fellowship;- GTA is a charitable entity and does not fund indirect costs for the fellowship; 100% of the awarded amount must be used for the project as outlined. **Proposals for which the fellowship would provide a major portion** of a new or recently begun study receive higher consideration.



Seasonal summer housing *may* be available at the UW-NPS Research Center in Grand Teton NP, if desired, project budgets should include housing costs and housing should be requested separately ([Visitor Information | UWNPS](https://www.uwnps.org/visitor-information)). *Awardees must provide annual progress reports to GTA, a summary report or publication, and one or more educational products to facilitate information transfer beyond the scientific audience, including a presentation to site managers, the public, or a non-technical article.*

Fellowship Program Schedule:

December 10, 2025	Call for Boyd Evison Fellowship proposals
February 16, 2026	Fellowship applications must be postmarked
April 3, 2026	Fellowship awarded
Summer 2026	Research begins
December 31, 2028	Completion of project (degree may be conferred later)

The fellowship honors Boyd Evison, one of the National Park Service's greatest leaders and supporters of expanding scientific knowledge to help shape wise management decisions and maintain uncompromised native resources. After his exemplary NPS career, Mr. Evison directed the Grand Teton Association prior to his death in 2002.

For more information contact: Grand Teton Association, 307-739-3406, or Yvette Converse, Grand Teton National Park Chief of Science & Resource Management, at 307-699-4532.

Information about previous fellowship awardees and project titles can be found at [Boyd Evison Graduate Research Fellowship \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/learn/education/graduate-fellowship)

2026 BOYD EVISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORMAT



Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student's Existing Degrees Conferred, Institutions and Year

Student's Degrees in Progress, Institution, and Academic Advisor(s)

Vitae/Principal Accomplishments, including publications and fields of research interest

Project Proposal

Title and Detailed Description of Proposed Project: (1-2 pages; include background, objectives, proposed study area/map if appropriate, methods, and relevant literature summary)

Relevance to Objectives of the Boyd Evison Fellowship and to resource conservation in Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, or nearby lands in the ecosystem:

Proposed Timeline for Project

Anticipated Product(s): (thesis, publication(s), AND a final report to resource managers and interested publics)

Project Budget: **Include a table showing project personnel salaries, student stipends, equipment, travel, laboratory analysis, housing, and other important costs.** *Clearly indicate other existing or potential funding for this study and indicate what portion of the study this fellowship would provide.*

Project support: **DO NOT** send letters of general support for the research from other academic references. **However, you must indicate that you have contacted the proposed study park(s), states, or other jurisdictions, and that agency or landowner would permit the research as proposed.**

Address any special assistance you request (permission for access into non-roaded areas, use of motorized equipment in wilderness areas). Summer housing, if desired, should be separately requested at the UW-NPS Research Center in Grand Teton NP at <http://uwnps.org/>.

Applications must be postmarked by February 16, 2026.

Send to: Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship, Grand Teton Association,
P.O. Box 70, Moose, Wyoming 83012; or email: info@grandtetonassociation.org