

# Graduate Sustainability Research Fellowship

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

## Purpose

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) will competitively award up to 10 fellowships to outstanding graduate students to engage in projects addressing sustainability and community resilience on campus and in the Rio Grande Valley under the mentorship of a faculty member and coordinated by UTRGV's Office for Sustainability.

## Eligibility

All new and continuing full-time graduate students enrolled in any on-campus master's program at UTRGV. New students must have been admitted unconditionally and continuing graduate students **must have 3.2 or higher GPA.**

## Amount

Up to \$7,500 will be awarded in two equal installments over two consecutive long semesters (Fall and Spring only) for students taking a **minimum of 9 credit hours per semester**; the funding will only be applied to student's tuition & fees bill. Students may combine this fellowship award with graduate assistantships (GAs), graduate teaching assistantships (GTAs) or graduate research assistantships (GRAs). For assistantship employment opportunities at UTRGV, please **VISIT** UTRGV Career Center or contact your academic department.

## Expectations

In addition to their program of study, the Graduate Sustainability Fellows are expected to engage in an impactful sustainability and community resilience research project within or outside the university **under the mentorship of a faculty member/faculty advisor** and coordinated by the UTRGV's Office for Sustainability. To maintain the fellowship, student awardees must submit a project progress report at the end of the first semester, as well as a project research paper, power point, video, and poster for final deliverables and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.20.

## Application Procedure

Interested students may apply for the Graduate Sustainability Fellowship **HERE**, (May 16, 2023- July 15, 2023) and submit a one- to two-page statement of interest and experience in sustainability. All new students must also complete their application for admission to a master's program at the UTRGV Graduate College Website **HERE**.

## Selection Criteria and Process

The Office of the EVP for Research and UTRGV's Chief Sustainability Officer will review all applications and will select the fellows for each cohort. The Office of the EVP for Research will notify the awarded student and their graduate program advisor, department chair, and college dean. Fellows will be selected each Fall & the fellowship runs consecutively from Fall-Spring semesters.