

# Graduate Sustainability Fellowships

## The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

### **Purpose**

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) will competitively award up to 20 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 of 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 3.0 or higher OGPA.

### **Amount**

Up to \$7,500 will be awarded in three equal installments over three 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](#) 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 project within or outside the university under the mentorship of a faculty member and coordinated by the UTRGV's Office of Sustainability. To maintain the fellowship, student awardees must (i) submit a project progress report at the end of each semester and (ii) maintain a minimum OGPA of 3.20.

### **Application Procedure**

Interested students may apply for the Graduate Sustainability Fellowship [here](#), 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 at [link here](#).

### **Selection criteria and Process**

The Graduate College Dean and UTRGV's Chief Sustainability Officer will review all applications and will select the fellows each semester. Graduate College Dean will notify the successful student of the award and their graduate program coordinator, department chair, and college dean.