

***The Greg and Susan Walker Endowment  
For Student Research in Earth & Environmental Science***

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The *Greg and Susan Walker Endowment* was established in 2006 to provide resources to enable students in programs of Earth and Environmental Science at the University of Pennsylvania to pursue independent research projects as part of their undergraduate and graduate curricula.

Funds will be awarded from endowment interest in response to research proposals submitted by students.

Funds may be requested to cover the cost of travel to research sites; subsistence while at research sites; equipment and materials to support research at those sites, or in laboratories at the University of Pennsylvania; and/or other requirements of the proposed research. Proposals may be submitted by research groups of 2 or more students. Most awards will be in the range of \$500-\$1500. Proposals outside that range will be considered.

Proposals will be considered as they are submitted, ordinarily at the beginning of each academic term. Proposals will be reviewed, and funding decisions reached, by a committee of faculty and staff convened by the Department of Earth & Environmental Science.

Proposals should be limited to 4 pages, and must include the following components:

1. COVER PAGE:

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL

Name and contact information of student(s) submitting the proposal.

Amount requested.

Brief (300 words) ABSTRACT

Name and contact information of the primary Faculty Advisor of the proposed research.

2. The BODY of the proposal should include the following:

A detailed description of the problem the research will address.

A well documented history of prior study of that problem, by the student and other investigators.

A description of the research procedure for which Walker funds are being requested.

An assessment of the range of anticipated outcomes of the research.

An assessment (by the student investigator) of the potential importance of the work proposed.

An itemized budget

3. If a proposal to do this work has been submitted to another student-support program at Penn (e.g. the Vagelos Fund), please attach a copy of that proposal.

4. Please send the proposal to:

Walker Endowment Program;  
Department of Earth & Environmental Science  
University of Pennsylvania, 240 S 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA, 19104

The proposal may be submitted electronically to:  
[bcasper@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:bcasper@sas.upenn.edu), cc: [sediment@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:sediment@sas.upenn.edu)

5. Please ask the Faculty Advisor to send a letter of endorsement directly to the same address. That letter may be brief, may also be submitted electronically [bcasper@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:bcasper@sas.upenn.edu) cc: [sediment@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:sediment@sas.upenn.edu) and should address the following:

The importance of the research exercise described in the proposal;  
the level of preparation of the student to undertake the work proposed;  
and the willingness of the advisor to work with the student as the research proceeds.

Proposals should be submitted as they are generated; there is no explicit cycle of review.