

RCEI Student Support Program Application

Default Question Block

Eligibility is limited to Rutgers Ph.D. and M.F.A. students whose major area of research involves one or more of the following dimensions of climate change and renewable energy or energy conservation scholarship:

- Earth system science
- Human dimensions of climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience
- Renewable energy, technology, and energy conservation
- Climate change communication and environmental humanities

The fund provides support to enable Rutgers Ph.D. students to participate in conferences, workshops, symposia, professional meetings, field activities, and visits to federal or state agencies or universities for educational or research purposes. Eligible expenses include attendance fees, lodging, meals, and transportation. The maximum award for any one student will be \$1,500 unless special circumstances can be identified by

the student's faculty mentor.

Students who have received funding through this program in the past are eligible to apply; however, priority will be given to students who have not received funds in the past.

Any questions can be addressed to Oliver Stringham in an email to rcei_contact@rutgers.edu

Please provide the following information about yourself

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Telephone

How do you identify your race or ethnicity? (This information will remain de-identified. Please select all that apply.)

- White
- Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Two or More Races (please specify)
- Other (please specify)
- Prefer Not to Answer

Are you a Ph.D. or M.F.A. Student? Please note the RCEI Student Support Program is currently only available to **Rutgers Ph.D. and M.F.A. students.**

- Yes
- No

What is your graduate program name?

What year are you in?

- 1st Year
- 2nd Year
- 3rd Year
- 4th year
- 5th+ Year

What is your anticipated date of graduation (Month & Year)?

What is your GPA?

Please provide your curriculum vitae (optional, but encouraged)

Block 1

RCEI travel support funds can only be used for travel and travel-related expenses (attendance fees, lodging, meals, and transportation).

- By selecting this, you acknowledge that if awarded, your RCEI travel support award can only be used for travel and travel related expenses.

What you will be using the requested funds for?

- Travel and related expenses for a conference
- Travel and related expenses for research
- Other (please specify)

If you are requesting funds to attend a conference, indicate which of the following apply

- You are giving a talk at the conference
- You are presenting a poster at the conference
- Neither a giving a talk nor presenting a poster, only attending
- Other, please specify:

What are the dates of your planned travel?

For example: July 1 to July 6, 2025

What is the amount of funding you are requesting from RCEI?

The maximum award for any one student will be \$1,500 unless special circumstances can be identified by the student's faculty mentor.

What is your total estimated travel expense? (i.e. the total cost of your entire travel, including the amount you are requesting from RCEI)

Please detail all of the costs related to your planned travel (1 line per expense item and estimated cost for each item)

For example:

- 1 round trip plane ticket from Newark to San Fransisco: \$800

- Registration Fee for Ecological Society of America Conference: \$300
- Accomodation 3 nights in San Fransisco: \$200 per night, \$600 total

Have you received any prior RCEI or Rutgers Climate Institute (RCI) travel funding support?

- No
- Yes (indicate which year and semester you received a past award)

Block 2

Please select the one RCEI focus area that most closely matches your Ph.D. or M.F.A. research.

We note that your research may involve more than one focus area, but for this question, we ask you to choose the most applicable one.

- Earth system science** relating to climate change, including Earth's physical, geochemical, and biological systems.

Human dimensions of climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.

This includes understanding the causes of climate change, the societal, economic, and behavioral impacts of climate change and the ways in which people and institutions (i.e., policy) respond to these changes.

Renewable energy, technology, and energy conservation. This includes the use of technology to harness energy from sustainable sources like solar or wind power, and the implementation of methods to reduce energy consumption and waste.

Climate change communication and environmental humanities, including raising awareness and inspiring action through the arts and humanities

Provide up to three paragraphs describing specifically what you are requesting support for, including:

- what the requested funds will be used on (e.g., for airfare, conference fees, etc.).
- an explicit link to how your proposed travel for your research relates to one or more of the above dimensions of climate change.
- why this support is important to your graduate education and/or research.

You may use the text box below or upload a file below. If you choose to upload a file, write 'See uploaded file' in this text box.



If preferred, you may upload a file (word, pdf) for the above prompt here.

Block 4

If awarded, upon completion of your travel, you are required to submit a brief report to RCEI on activities during the trip and the benefits of the trip to your scholarship. Photographs and/or videos of activities documenting your experiences with appropriate captions should be included. You should also recognize in writing the support of the Rutgers Climate and Energy Institute in any presentation, poster, talk or publication that results from this support. Examples of these reports can be found [here](#).

- By selecting this, you acknowledge that if you are awarded, you will provide a brief written report with photo(s) to RCEI detailing your trip & you will recognize RCEI in any presentation, poster, or publication that result from this support.

If awarded, you will be asked to complete a follow-up survey about the outcomes of your travels. We will ask you to take this survey six months after you return from your travels.

- By selecting this, you acknowledge that if you are awarded, you agree to complete a follow-up survey about the outcomes of your travels.

Block 3

Please provide the following information about your faculty advisor.

Advisor name

Advisor email address

A requirement to be eligible for this award is that **the applicant's faculty advisor must submit a brief statement** of support for the applicant's travel. This

statement of support must be received by the application deadline. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ask their advisor to write this statement and ensure their advisor has submitted the statement.** Advisors can email their statement of support to rcei_contact@rutgers.edu, addressed to Oliver Stringham.

- By selecting this, you acknowledge that a requirement of this application is to receive a statement of support from your faculty advisor, and it is your responsibility to ask your advisor to write and ensure they submit the statement by the application deadline.