

## 2017 Michigan Section AWWA Fellowship for Water Quality and Treatment Research



### **Introduction**

The Michigan Section of American Water Works Association (AWWA) invites applications for fellowship study in areas related to water quality and treatment. The goals of this fellowship are to stimulate greater involvement of Michigan's academic institutions and their graduate and undergraduate students in the study of drinking water related fields and to encourage innovative solutions to priority problems of the drinking water community.

### **Eligibility**

1. Applicants must be attending an accredited Michigan college or university.
2. Applicants may be graduate or undergraduate students, as well as students admitted to graduate school.

### **Available Funds and Conditions**

The Michigan Section AWWA offers two separate awards, one in the Undergraduate Fellowship Program and one in the Graduate Fellowship Program. Both programs are one year in length, with fellowships expected to be awarded in January 2017. However, the dates are flexible to accommodate recipient's academic needs.

Each award is \$3,000, \$2,000 of which is provided to the student as a stipend. The remaining \$1,000 will be transferred into a university account, to be used by the sponsoring professor for research-related expenses. The institution should be able to set up this research account without overhead.

All applicants will also be awarded a one-year AWWA membership. Upon completion of the program, students are encouraged to submit a research paper or present their findings at an AWWA sponsored event.

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## Application Procedure

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Description of the proposed study (1-2 pages), signed by the applicant and the sponsoring professor
2. Statement of interests (500 words)
3. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's sponsoring professor
4. College transcript
5. A cover letter that includes: the applicant's major, cumulative grade point average (GPA), and expected date of graduation.

All entries must be postmarked on or before **November 11, 2016**. The application package should be sent to:

Alex Yavich, Ph.D., P.E.  
MI-AWWA Research Fellowship Review Team  
Optimization Solutions Environmental, LLC  
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Grand Rapids, MI 49504

To accelerate the review process, items 1-3 of the application package can be e-mailed to [yavichal@osenv.com](mailto:yavichal@osenv.com). The applicants must also mail hard copies of all the required items to the address above.

## Selection Process

The entries will be evaluated by the Research & Technical Practices Review Team. Selections will be made based on the merits of the proposed study as well as the applicant's academic achievements.

## Funding

Funding will be provided from the general funds of the Michigan Section AWWA, which are derived from membership fees, registration fees, and corporate sponsorship.

For additional information, contact Alex Yavich at (616) 975-0847 or [yavichal@osenv.com](mailto:yavichal@osenv.com).

