



Betsy and Jesse Fink Career Development Program

ESF Career Fellows – 2021

These fellowships are made possible through donations to the ESF College Foundation, specifically The Fink Family Foundation (Betsy '79 and Jesse '79 Fink), ESF Alumni Association in memory of Robert M. Sand '50, and Douglas and Susan Cotton. Student awards ranged from \$800 to \$5,400.

- **Adrian Boylan**: Adrian received funding support to obtain relevant Coursera certificates following training focused on data sequencing to allow him to successfully complete independent research. In addition, Adrian will be supported to present research findings at 1-2 professional conferences (such as the annual meetings of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors, or American Chemical Society following his research experience.
- **Farzaneh Khayat**: Farzaneh will be interning with New York City Department of Parks & Recreation to expand her practical GIS skillset, including conducting (non)spatial analysis, managing spatial and attribute data, developing knowledge of demographic analysis and cartography, and enhancing her analytical mindset and problem-solving skills as a GIS Analyst. These efforts will directly contribute to the NYC Parks Initiative to improve park entrances, and spaces adjacent to parks, extend parks into communities, improve New Yorkers' access to quality parks, and increase investment in underserved neighborhoods and expanding parkland.
- **Katherine Lawson**: Katherine will be completing a Physalia Modelling Workshop to strengthen her modelling, GIS, and coding abilities as these critical skills are growing in need in scientific positions. With professional goals to become a governmental scientist, technological skills to monitor large datasets and the ability to create a plan on how best to manage native or endangered species will be necessary for Katherine to be successful.
- **Nicole Steinback**: Nicole will be serving as Intern with the NYS DEC as a Diversity and Outreach Intern where she will target environmental recreation barriers for the Latinx population of the Hudson Valley and work to promote diversity and inclusion for local environmental recreation. In this opportunity, she will be creating a more inclusive space in the local region and environmental education/recreation programs that are culturally relative to the population.