



State University of New York  
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

# The Fink Career Fellowship

*Your Future Starts Now*





## The Fink Career Fellowship at SUNY-ESF

The Fink Career Fellowship is intended to promote the career and professional development of students at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. This Fellowship is made possible by ESF Alumni Jesse and Betsy Fink, Class of 1979, who are committed to solving environmental challenges, and supporting students who strive to do the same.

The Fink Fellowship supports internships, interdisciplinary projects, conference attendance, and career travel for **undergraduate and graduate students**. Fink Fellows are exceptional students who seek to pursue experiences that can truly shape their development. With the help of The Fink Career Fellowship, the chance to pursue career dreams can become a reality.

Fellowship applicants must demonstrate:

- Dedication to the environment and their field of study;
- Passion and enthusiasm for their proposed experience;
- Demonstrated promise in pursuing their career goals; and
- Ability to plan and follow through with a professional experience.

**Applicants must provide evidence of their exceptional engagement in their field of study, as well as their intention to pursue a career in it.**

Students can expect to share their projects with members of the College community.

### **Eligibility**

The Fink Career Fellowship provides financial support to undergraduate and graduate students who have completed at least one full semester at SUNY-ESF. Students must also be returning to campus for at least one semester following the experience.

### **Amount of Support—Conference**

The Fink Career Fellowship provides funding to students in an effort to defray the cost of attending academic and professional conferences, up to \$200 for non-presenters and \$500 for presenters. Funding is awarded on the basis of merit, and intended to partially reimburse transportation, lodging, and registration expenses. Not all students who complete the application will receive funding.

***“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”  
-Eleanor Roosevelt***

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## Conference Attendance Application requirements

### Application Cover Page

Personal information; state whether you are presenting, or not presenting. Include proof of registration, if already registered. Include a brief description of the conference (preferably from conference website or Call for Papers/Announcement) and your role/participation in the conference.

### Conference Information (500 words or less)

Address why attending the conference will further your career development. Why is the conference important to you? How does your work/interests tie into this conference?

### Budget Justification

Provide detailed projected expenses for your trip. This budget should contain all your expenses. Please include other sources of funding and include any travel funding provided by you, your department, scholarship, grants, etc. Indicate your total funding request (up to \$200 for non-presenters and \$500 for presenters).

### Letter of Recommendation

As part of the application process, all students must receive a recommendation from a faculty member in their department, or other individual familiar with the conference and the student's work, outlining the relevance of this conference to the student's studies and career interests. Letters can be sent to [careers@esf.edu](mailto:careers@esf.edu).

**Please submit your complete application to the Career Services Office in Old Greenhouse 9 or via e-mail to [careers@esf.edu](mailto:careers@esf.edu) (PDF)**

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## Conference Attendance Application Cover Page

Please submit this completed form, along with a budget justification and letter of recommendation to the Career Services Office in Old Greenhouse 9 or via e-mail to [careers@esf.edu](mailto:careers@esf.edu).

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
SYR.edu Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Seeking (Associates, Bachelors, Masters, PhD) \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Credits Complete \_\_\_\_\_  
Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_  
Career Goal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference Attendance Information

Name of Conference \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Conference End Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Conference (preferably from conference website for Call for Papers/  
Announcement): \_\_\_\_\_

Conference website, if available \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be presenting your work at this conference? Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are presenting at the conference, please attach abstract/proposal

Identify your participation in the conference (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Presenting a paper/poster \_\_\_\_\_ Chairing a panel/roundtable  
\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering with the conference \_\_\_\_\_ Actively job searching  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

\*If you have already registered for the conference, please attach proof of registration

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

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Office of Student Affairs  
Career Services Office

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Address why attending the conference will further your career development. Why is the conference important to you? How does your work/interests tie into this conference?

**Statements longer than 500 words will not be accepted.**

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## Conference Attendance Budget Justification

Provide detailed projected expenses for your trip:

Travel \_\_\_\_\_  
Accommodations/Lodging (per day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Meals and Incidentals (per day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Membership Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of the conference \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Please include other sources of funding and include any travel funding provided by you, your department, scholarship, grants, awards, etc.

Funding Source #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Source Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Amount Provided \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Source Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Amount Provided \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source #3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Source Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Amount Provided \_\_\_\_\_

Total Other Funding Sources = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Funding Request for Fink Career Fellowship = \_\_\_\_\_**