Pioneer Graduate GIS Fellowships

To award excellent graduate students in GIS, Pioneer Natural Resources Corporation has provided two GIS Fellowships of $2,500 each for graduate students applying to the University of Texas at Dallas GIS program. These scholarships will also allow the qualified master’s and Ph.D. students to be eligible for in-state tuition rates for their first year of study, should they come from another state. Applicants are encouraged to have a familiarity with the earth sciences in order to collaborate with Pioneer. The fellowship may be renewable for the following year of graduate school, providing a minimum GPA of 3.5 and a mentor relationship with Pioneer are maintained. Students receiving the Pioneer GIS Fellowships must be U.S. citizens.

The recipient must have been accepted into the GIS master’s or Ph.D. programs, but prospective students can alternatively submit an application for the Pioneer GIS Fellowship in conjunction with their application to the program. Students must also be working on a project that uses GIS as part of their graduate research. Financial need may be used as a secondary criterion, but selection shall be weighted more heavily on the strength of the thesis research and proposal.

An application for a scholarship MUST include:
1. This scholarship application form, completed in full and signed.
2. A current Academic Transcript.
3. The names of two college faculty members willing to serve as references.

All students who are awarded this scholarship MUST sign a 3rd Party Release of Information, in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), allowing UT Dallas/Donor to use application material for scholarship purposes. This form will be provided with the award letter.

Only COMPLETE applications received prior to the posted deadline will be considered. An applicants will receive a decision notification by mail and/or email. Completed applications should be turned into the GIS Program Head, Dr. Fang Qiu (fqiu@utdallas.edu).

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Citizenship: [ ] US Citizen [ ] Other (This fellowship is only available to U.S. citizens)
Personal Narrative/Project Proposal

Please complete and include a statement (up to 5 pages) telling us why you feel you should receive this scholarship, and how this scholarship will add to your educational goals. Be sure to tell us about your academic and professional goals, as well as any work experience. Also discuss how GIS might be used for research in collaboration with Pioneer.

Include the scholarship name and your name on your narrative page.

UTD Academic Demographic Information

Current Academic Level: [ ] Master’s [ ] Doctorate

Major: ___________________________ Cumulative GPA: ________

Activities and Achievements

Indicate membership(s) in scholastic honorary organizations or other university and/or civic groups. Please list any elected positions or offices held in the organizations:

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List honors, prizes, awards for scholastic and/or creative achievement. You can also list published papers, research, papers presented in conferences and previous professional employment:

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Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false or misleading information on this application or with other documentation may disqualify me for consideration of my application or disbursement of scholarship funding. Further, I understand that the information will be used by donors, the Committee on Student Fellowships and Scholarships, and/or other recognized university scholarship committee(s) to evaluate and award scholarships. I understand that I will need to provide the scholarship committee with a narrative of my educational experiences and the value added to my educational goals. I authorize the University to release to the donor(s) and/or the media any information concerning scholarship(s) I may receive.

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Student’s Signature                                      Date