

# THE RAVEN FELLOWSHIP

## 2012 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



The University of Virginia's Raven Society established the Raven Fellowships in 1984 to encourage undergraduate and graduate students to undertake scholarly, intellectual, and creative projects.

The Raven Society endeavors to bring together outstanding students, faculty, administrators, and alumni of the various schools of the University that they may derive the benefits of mutual acquaintance in pursuit of diligent scholarship and intellectual activity beyond the limits of systematic work in the classroom. As such, the Raven Fellowships will be targeted towards innovative research projects that cross disciplines in novel ways. While all applications will be reviewed, special consideration will be given to those projects with a distinctly interdisciplinary focus.

The Raven Society will award research fellowships in support of 2012 summer or fall independent research projects. Research may be related to a dissertation or thesis, however, it is strongly encouraged that the projects go above and beyond what is for academic credit. Each fellowship will award up to \$2500, and each Fellowship recipient will receive the award at the Raven Society's annual banquet in April. Applications from undergraduate and graduate students will be given equal consideration. You need not be a member of the Raven Society to apply.

Successful project proposals shall include:

- ✦ A statement describing the project and its motivation, goals, significance within the discipline you are studying, as well as your background experiences related to it. Special emphasis should be placed on identifying how your project is scholarly, intellectual, or creative. If applicable, also briefly describe how your project goes beyond the scope of your thesis or dissertation. *500 word maximum length*
- ✦ A description of how your project aligns with the interdisciplinary focus of the Raven Society. How would this research further knowledge both within and outside your discipline? *250 word maximum length*
- ✦ An explanation of who would be interested in your work and what you envision would be the best way to share your results with this group (e.g. published paper, presentation within your department, gallery showing, etc.). *250 word maximum length*

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please drop off eight (8) copies of all of the following materials, collated and stapled in the following order:

- ∞ The attached application form
- ∞ The attached budget form, signed by your faculty supervisor
- ∞ A one-page letter of recommendation
- ∞ A second one-page letter of recommendation (optional)
- ∞ Your project proposal
- ∞ A one-page resume
- ∞ Unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended (undergraduate and graduate)

to Kelly Hondula's mailbox in the Environmental Science Department mailroom in Clark Hall. Applications may also be mailed to:

Raven Fellowship  
c/o Kelly Hondula  
Department of Environmental Sciences  
Clark Hall  
291 McCormick Road  
P.O. Box 400123  
Charlottesville, VA 22904-4123

The deadline is **February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

The Raven Society looks forward to reading your application. After the initial review of the applications, there will be one round of interviews conducted in March with an intra-University fellowship committee made up of faculty and students. Fellowship recipients will be expected to present the knowledge they have gathered from their project as well as to prepare their results for a poster to be presented at the cocktail hour of the Raven banquet in April of 2013.

If you have any questions about the application process, please first see the Frequently Asked Questions at [www.uvaravensociety.com](http://www.uvaravensociety.com) or contact Kelly Hondula via e-mail at [klh4h@virginia.edu](mailto:klh4h@virginia.edu).