

## **Funding for Graduate Student Research**

The Earth and Environmental Systems Institute (EESI) in collaboration with the Center for Global Studies (CGS) will provide support for graduate students to conduct research in international settings to increase the impact of their thesis or dissertation research. As a leading environmental institute, EESI is well-positioned to foster international research in the interdisciplinary environmental sciences by graduate students in EMS and Penn State.

### *Eligibility and Evaluation:*

Proposals are sought from graduate students being supervised by EESI Associates. EESI and CGS will provide up to \$1K per student to support graduate student research in an international setting. A total of \$5K is available in the program calendar year 2011. Support is intended to be used for research-related activities including field work, visits to collections, or visits to key research facilities, and not conference travel. Proposals are expected to be co-sponsored and include matching funds for the research trip. Proposals will be evaluated by the EESI Advisory Committee.

### *Proposals*

Proposals are limited to two pages and should include:

- A narrative describing the goal and objectives of the proposed travel emphasizing the planned research and its impact for global studies
- A brief description of methods of the proposed research
- A timeline that includes delivery of a brief trip report to EESI and CGS
- A budget describing how funds will be spent with documentation of additional matching funds

### *Timing and Submission Process*

Proposals must be submitted by Jan. 31, 2011 for consideration. Proposals should be submitted electronically to Debra Lambert ([lambert@essc.psu.edu](mailto:lambert@essc.psu.edu)).

Funded scholars will present their work at a CGS sponsored event upon return.

Please contact Alan Taylor ([aht1@psu.edu](mailto:aht1@psu.edu)) for questions concerning proposals.