MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

THE MARGARET AND HERMAN SOKOL
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN SCIENCE

The Margaret and Herman Sokol Graduate Fellowship in Science is a ten thousand dollar ($10,000) award to a graduating natural science major from the College of Science and Mathematics (CSAM) at Montclair State University who will pursue formal, full-time graduate study leading to a doctoral (PhD) degree at an accredited institution of higher learning. This award will be restricted to students in the disciplines of Biology, Molecular Biology, Geoscience, Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry. The award is also for a PhD in Environmental Management student as long as the focus of their environmental management research covers one of the requisite fields of Biology, Molecular Biology, Geoscience, Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Each year one graduating senior will be selected to receive one of these $10,000 Fellowships. Applications will be reviewed following the fall semester and announcement of the award will be made in the spring each year.

The recipient of the award will be given a $5,000 stipend upon verification of enrollment for the first year of graduate study, and the additional $5,000 when she/he verifies that approximately half of the graduate program has been completed. The second $5,000 portion will be placed in trust in an interest bearing account. The recipient will receive both the principal and interest at the time of the second award. In the event that the Fellow does not continue in the graduate program, the second award will not be granted and the money will be returned to the fund at Montclair State University.

Candidates for the award must have completed at least 60 semester hours at Montclair State University with at least 24 semester hours completed in their natural science major at Montclair State University by graduation. Candidates must submit formal application to the Department Chair on the form provided. Each department chair may nominate no more than one applicant in each discipline to the Dean, who will consult with the CSAM department chairs prior to making a determination of the award recipient.
Application is due to Department Chair by Friday, 3/25/2016.

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APPLICATION FORM

TO THE STUDENT – Please provide the information requested below in the space provided and return this form to your department chair by Friday, March 25, 2016.

This Fellowship award is a $10,000 cash award ($5,000 at start of program; $5,000 at mid-point) based upon consideration of all aspects of your University experience. In addition to grades, indications of leadership ability, commitment to the profession, promise of success in research, good communications skills, pride in quality work, and other qualifications that bear upon your potential success as a professional will be considered. All seniors who intend to pursue full-time doctoral study in Biology, Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Geoscience or Physics are strongly encouraged to apply.

Have you / / applied / / been accepted into a Ph.D. program? If accepted, list school(s). Include a copy of any acceptance letters you have.

NAME: _____________________________________________

ANTICIPATED DATE OF GRADUATION (Circle) 5/16 8/16

1. Please list all of your course work for the present semester only, and attach a transcript for previous work.

2. In addition to completing your required course work for your major and for the University’s General Education requirements, what additional course work have you taken and why? (Continue on the reverse side, if necessary.)
3. Have you participated in any of the special programs offered within your major, such as the Honors Program, Co-op Education, Undergraduate Research, etc.? If so, indicate which ones, why you selected them and any outcomes from your participation. If not, explain why you have not participated.

4. Briefly elaborate upon any additional activities that you have been involved in which you see as pertinent to your application.

5. Provide the names of three MSU faculty members who can speak on your qualifications. Please submit a sealed confidential letter from at least one of these references with your application.