In 2020, the Oak Spring Garden Foundation will award up to three Oak Spring Fellowships for emerging scholars or practitioners working in organismal plant science or plant conservation who need undisturbed time to complete a writing project that advances their scholarship or practice.

The Awards

Each Oak Spring Fellow will receive a $10,000 award along with free housing on the Oak Spring estate in the Virginia Piedmont for a 3-5 month writing residency between January-June 2020.

Eligibility

Available to current Ph.D. students and early career researchers or conservation practitioners who require time and space to complete a non-fiction* writing project (dissertation, thesis, book or other publication). The awardee is required to spend a minimum of three months at the Oak Spring estate in Upperville, Virginia during the period of January-June 2020. Given the rural location of the Oak Spring estate, fellows will need their own transportation.

The successful fellow will have a compelling topic related to the mission of the Oak Spring Garden Foundation, which includes the history and future of plants, as well as sustainable land management and sustainable agriculture. Applicants are expected to show exceptional promise, good communication skills and the prospect that the award of a fellowship will advance their career.

*NOTE: If you are a creative environmental writer, please see our award opportunities for artists at www.osgf.org/artists.

Application Process

To begin your application, please create a profile and login to our OSGF Applicant Portal www.osgf.force.com/grantee/. Once you are logged in, select “Explore Grant Opportunities” in the upper left and select “2020 Oak Spring Fellows Application.” You will be prompted to submit:

i) a resume/curriculum vitae,
ii) a short description of your writing project, the expected outputs during the residency, and how it will advance your scholarship or practice,
iii) any and all relevant links/uploads to/of writing samples.

Applicants are expected to show exceptional promise, excellence in research, and good communication skills. The awardees will be selected by a panel of distinguished administrators, scholars, or practitioners with relevant experience and/or knowledge. You may encounter errors in creating an application profile if you use Safari as your web browser. Please try using a different web browser, and if you continue to encounter issues, try clearing your cache. Deadline for receipt of applications is August 11th at midnight EST. Our goal is to notify all applicants on the status of our selections by mid-November 2019.

Other Awards

If you want an opportunity to advance your work but our Oak Spring Fellows awards are not relevant to you, consider one of our other awards below and visit www.OSGF.org/opportunities to learn more.

2020 Artist Awards

Fellowship and residencies for early career visual artists and literary writers.
www.OSGF.org/artists

2020 Scholar Awards

Fellowship and residencies for early career scholars utilizing works in the Oak Spring Garden Library.
www.OSGF.org/scholars

The Oak Spring Garden Foundation is dedicated to inspiring and facilitating scholarship and public dialogue relating to the world of plants. Learn more and follow our story at www.OSGF.org.