



The Ecosystem Restoration through Interdisciplinary Exchange (ERIE)

initiative is a collection of academic programs and research projects designed to advance the science, engineering, and policy of ecosystem restoration, and contribute to the ecological recovery of the Great Lakes and Western New York. We are looking for graduate students with excellent academic achievements and research interests related to the ERIE program.

Eligible Ph.D. applicants (U.S. citizen or permanent resident) are encouraged to apply to ERIE's National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) program. An ERIE IGERT Fellow will receive a minimum of two years of stipend (\$30,000 annually) plus full tuition, as well as resources for specialized training, internships, and research and travel funds.

How to Apply for IGERT Fellowships

1. Apply to the Ph.D. program of one of the participating ERIE departments. Please note that departmental application deadlines vary from January 15 to late February.
2. Contact an ERIE faculty member to discuss your research and program interests. Additional department information and application procedures are available from:

American Studies	www.cas.buffalo.edu/americanstudies
Biology	www.biologicalsciences.buffalo.edu
Chemistry	www.chem.buffalo.edu
Civil (Environmental) Engineering	www.csee.buffalo.edu
Evolution, Ecology & Behavior	www.evolutionecologybehavior.buffalo.edu
Geography	www.geog.buffalo.edu
Geology	www.geology.buffalo.edu
Philosophy	www.philosophy.buffalo.edu

3. By February 1st, send a short essay to the ERIE Program Director (igert-erie@buffalo.edu), the faculty member(s) you are interested in working with, and the director of graduate studies for the department to which you are applying. In your letter, outline your research and career goals and experiences, and indicate how they would be advanced by participation in the ERIE IGERT program.

Admission as an ERIE IGERT Fellow is determined by an interdisciplinary committee of participating faculty members on a competitive basis. Review criteria include, but are not limited to, undergraduate/graduate academic records, GRE scores, previous research and community service experience, and consistency between applicant and ERIE program goals.

For additional information regarding student opportunities and the application process, please contact the ERIE Program Director Dr. Alan Rabideau at igert-erie@buffalo.edu