



## Erb Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowship Application Process

The Frederick A. and Barbara M. Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise at the University of Michigan is a joint program between the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and the School of Natural Resources and Environment. The Erb Institute is focused on solving the world's social and environmental sustainability issues, by challenging and shaping markets and the private sector to become sources of positive solutions, rather than merely focusing on reducing negative impacts. The Institute discerns – through research – and champions – through teaching – a leadership role for business in bettering our world and our society.

We are now inviting applications for the Erb Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowship from qualified candidates working in sustainable enterprise who are at the beginning of their academic careers, having received the Ph.D. or comparable degree between June 1, 2010, and August 30, 2012. Fellows are appointed for two years as Post-Doctoral Scholars in the Erb Institute and are expected to be in residence during the academic years of the fellowship, to participate in the intellectual life of the Institute, and to devote time to their independent research. Please go to <http://erb.umich.edu/research-initiatives/post-doc-fellowships/> for a full description of the research, service and citizenship expectations of an Erb Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow. The annual stipend will be \$65,000 (plus a modest research support fund) based on an academic calendar year, September 1 - August 31. Fellows are eligible for participation in the University health, dental and life insurance options. This appointment will begin on September 1, 2012.

Each year, the Institute identifies a *topical theme* to augment the research portfolio of its faculty and affiliates. Post-Doc candidates whose research aligns with that theme will be given preferential treatment. The topical theme for the 2012-2014 fellowship search is social sustainability.

*Preference will be given to applications received by Friday, December 16, 2011 and must include the following:*

1. A cover letter explaining your interest.
2. A current curriculum vitae. As an addendum, please include a list of courses taken as a graduate student. A transcript is not required.
3. A short (one page, single spaced) description of your background and research interests, and a brief summary of your proposed research. If you are currently a doctoral candidate, please indicate the anticipated schedule of completion of your thesis. The Ph.D. or comparable degree is a prerequisite for this appointment.
4. A research proposal for the fellowship tenure. This proposal should outline the methods and aims of research beyond your thesis. Please keep in mind that your project proposal will be read by non-specialists, as well as specialists in your field. Proposals that involve more than one discipline are especially welcome. Proposals should be 5-10 pages in length and should include names of individuals you wish to work with here at the University of Michigan, with preference but not restricted to Erb Institute faculty members.
5. Examples of your work. Because reviewers have limited time for reading each application, candidates must limit the number of work samples (two or three) and length of papers. One of these submissions should represent your dissertation (a cover sheet, signature page, and abstract). Do not send a copy of your dissertation.
6. A list of three recommenders, including name, affiliation and contact information. Letters of reference should be mailed directly by your recommenders to the Erb Institute.

*Please send application materials electronically to:*

**Managing Director of the Erb Institute,  
[erbinstitute@umich.edu](mailto:erbinstitute@umich.edu)**

*or by mail to:*

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