



SEED GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIOR FACULTY AND GRAD STUDENTS



The University of Utah's Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa is an outdoor laboratory for the sciences, humanities, social sciences and cultural studies, stimulating scholarship about a broad range of environmental topics associated with human and natural system interactions. The station is located along the Dolores River in southeastern Utah, eight miles upstream from its junction with the Colorado River (~ 1 hour from Moab).

Our mission is to promote and inspire environmental scholarship on the Colorado Plateau. We support research, education, and other academic pursuits that aid in our understanding and/or appreciation of ecology, the environment, and human-environment interactions. Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa emphasizes the following values as we strive to carry out our mission:

- *Water is the lifeblood of the West*
- *Foster exchange of research knowledge*
- *Foster environmental literacy*
- *Land preservation*
- *Embrace land stewardship*
- *Professional Training*

Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa solicits applications for the 2019 *Young Scholar Grant Program*. University of Utah junior faculty and graduate students from any discipline are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to projects most consistent with the mission and values of Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa. Some element of proposed research should involve time in residence at the field station. Past awards have gone to researchers in Geology, Biology, Urban Planning, Theater, Art, Anthropology, and Environmental Humanities. We continue to welcome applicants from these departments, but also encourage applicants from departments without a history of awards to apply. Previous awardees are eligible to apply for new research projects, not previously funded.

Grant recipients will be required to submit a mid-term (December 2020) and a final (June 2021) report that include project deliverables such as photographs, essays, or data presentations and will be asked to participate in outreach efforts.

Multiple awards, up to \$3000 each, will be awarded. Funds may be used for supplies, analytical expenses, and travel (including per diem).

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN January 31, 2020. Questions should be directed to Zachary Lundeen (z.lundeen@utah.edu).

The application may be found at the Rio Mesa Center website: <http://riomesa.utah.edu>