

# THE Owen Fellowship

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*"I'm obviously passionate about longleaf but am also passionate about education. I decided to combine these two with a bequest to The Longleaf Alliance to endow a scholarship for advanced studies in the longleaf ecosystem." William Owen*

Now in its second round, The Owen Fellowship of The Longleaf Alliance is an exciting program we are proud to offer in conjunction with the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Longleaf Conference to be held Fall 2024 and subsequent conferences. The Biennial Longleaf Conference is The Longleaf Alliance's regional event, the largest and longest-running longleaf event in the country.

The award will be given to a graduate student in the amount of \$20,000. The recipient will attend the 2024 conference, submit an article for publication in *The Longleaf Leader* quarterly magazine, and will submit a poster and presentation about the research at the 2026 conference.

Dr. William Owen is a professional musician, educator, and landowner in Virginia. Through his work on the Board of Directors of The Longleaf Alliance, he was inspired to endow a fellowship for advanced studies and research in the longleaf pine ecosystem. He hopes The Owen Fellowship will encourage the next generation of longleaf leaders.

## Required Application Materials

- Applicants must be a member of The Longleaf Alliance (\$25 student rate).
- A proposal describing the research project and the specific funding needs (2-page, single-spaced maximum). Relevance of the research project to the protection, management, and range wide impact of the longleaf pine ecosystem must be clearly stated.
- Applicants must identify all other current funding for their research and justify the need for The Owen Fellowship Award. Salaries not supported. Biennial Longleaf Conference expenses are covered by TLA and William Owen. You may include participation in other conferences in your proposed budget.
- A curriculum vitae.
- A letter of support from the faculty advisor overseeing the research.
- An unofficial transcript.
- A high-resolution photo of the applicant.
- Brief project synopsis.

Complete applicant form and submit required materials at <https://longleaf.info/fellowship>. Please contact Lynnsey Basala, Vice President for Development, at [Lynnsey@longleafalliance.org](mailto:Lynnsey@longleafalliance.org) with questions.



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## TIMELINE

of Pertinent Dates



Applications received  
**September 1, 2023 - January 12, 2024.**

A committee will review applications **January 15 - March 29, 2024.**  
There will be a required Zoom interview for Semi-Finalist Candidates.

Fellowship Award Recipient announced on **April 1, 2024.** \$10,000 fellowship award will be disbursed by **June 1, 2024.** Awardee must attend the 15th Biennial Longleaf Conference in **Fall 2024.**

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Awardee must present research at the 16th Biennial Longleaf Conference in **Fall 2026.**