

DISCCRS II

DISsertations initiative for the advancement of Climate-Change ReSearch

Program for Recent Ph.D. Graduates Engaged in Climate-Change Research

The DISCCRS goal is to meet the specific challenges involved in building successful interdisciplinary careers dedicated to understanding climate change and mitigating impacts. New scholars from the natural and social sciences, humanities, mathematics, engineering and other fields are invited to participate. A public web page introduces graduates to the larger community and provides resources for early-career development. An electronic newsletter transmits timely and relevant information to all registered participants. Symposia bring together a select group of applicants to foster interdisciplinary understanding, collegial networking and professional development. Graduates from all countries are invited to join the DISCCRS Program and apply to be a DISCCRS Fellow.

RESOURCES

WEB PAGE

<http://aslo.org/phd.html> is the portal to DISCCRS. The site is evolving and currently includes:

- Program information
- Registration form
- Dissertation abstracts of registered graduates
- Resources for early-career development
- Symposium application instructions

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

A weekly digest highlights new resources and transmits time-sensitive material to everyone who registers their Ph.D. dissertation abstract with DISCCRS. The newsletter will be archived on the <http://aslo.org/phd.html> web page for public display.

The newsletter begun in 2002 is expanding to include:

- Resources for early-career development
- Climate-change research, education and policy updates
- Profiles of successful climate-change professionals
- Forum section for open discussion
- Announcements of opportunities.

Everyone is invited to submit items for distribution or discussion. Please help to make this resource a success. Submissions should be sent to disccrs@whitman.edu. Compose a brief summary with web addresses for details.

SYMPOSIUM

In years to come, the familiarity with distant specialties and connections between colleagues in diverse fields will increasingly determine the success of young professionals and advance of our knowledge.

DISCCRS symposia provide an international forum where recent doctoral recipients can expand their scientific and professional outlook and forge lifelong, interdisciplinary collegial relationships with their peers. Thirty-five Fellows will be selected each year. Graduates from doctoral programs throughout the world and spanning the full spectrum of disciplines are eligible to apply. During the week-long event:

- Participants will present their research in oral and poster format;
- Communication skills will be developed in the context of interchange across disciplines and beyond academia;
- Representatives of government agencies



Meeting like-minded peers and engaging in topics covering a diverse range of disciplines provides fertile ground for identifying and piecing together relationships between disparate elements of the Earth system.

and private foundations will describe funding opportunities and strategies for writing successful interdisciplinary proposals; and

- Established interdisciplinary mentors will share insights and advice on establishing collaborative research projects and building successful interdisciplinary careers.

DISCCRS II SYMPOSIUM

March 26 - April 2, 2006
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, California

Symposium Eligibility

**Ph.D. completed between
Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 31, 2005**

from any institution, in any subject *within* or *relevant to* climate change/impacts. Selection will favor applicants who plan to engage in interdisciplinary research careers. A committee will select 35 participants based on the submitted application materials. Participant travel expenses will be defrayed by grants from the supporting agencies.

Application Deadline

September 1, 2005

QUESTIONS

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