

Energy Conservation PhD Research Assistantships at Michigan Technological University

Drs. [Chelsea Schelly](#) and [Kathleen Halvorsen](#) seek motivated applicants for two fully funded three-year research assistantship positions available for students pursuing a PhD in [Environmental and Energy Policy](#) at [Michigan Technological University](#) (MTU).

Students will be involved in a [National Science Foundation Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water \(NSF INFEWS\)](#) funded interdisciplinary research project. The [project](#) focuses on understanding and seeking ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through conservation of household-scale food, energy, and water. It involves multiple social science research methods and opportunities to collaborate with colleagues across the United States and the Netherlands in social, natural, and engineering sciences.

Successful applicants will have strong communication, organizational, and quantitative and qualitative social science research skills with a passionate interest in studying social dimensions of energy policy. They should be willing to travel internationally and to work in a highly interdisciplinary scientific team.

To apply for this position, please send Dr. Chelsea Schelly cschelly@mtu.edu your CV and a 1-page letter describing your interest and qualifications by November 1st, 2016. Please put "PhD Assistantship" in the subject line. Review of applications will begin on November 2nd and continue until this position is filled. The PhD assistantship at MTU includes a stipend, tuition, and most fees for three full years with the possibility of a fourth year of funding on a teaching assistantship. The selected student will complete their [PhD in the Environmental and Energy Policy](#) in the Social Sciences Department at [MTU](#). [Application](#) to the graduate program is a separate process with a February 15th deadline. The start date is fall 2017. Questions are welcome – contact Chelsea at cschelly@mtu.edu.

MTU has a strong focus on the interdisciplinary study of environmental problems, particularly in the areas of energy, water, and climate change. It was the 2016 host of the [International Symposium on Society and Resource Management \(ISSRM\)](#) - the premier conference on society and natural resources. The university is in the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, surrounded by Lake Superior and exceptional hiking, kayaking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing opportunities.