The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) announces that five new interdisciplinary graduate research projects have received support. The selected projects were submitted through SESYNC's fall request for proposals (RFP) for collaborative team-based synthesis Graduate Pursuits around emerging socio-environmental synthesis topics. SESYNC's next RFP for Graduate Pursuits will open mid-March, 2020.

More information about the newly awarded projects can be found below.

1. **Graduate Pursuit:** A Socio-Environmental Approach to Improve Offshore Aquaculture and Policy: Gulf of Mexico Case Study  
   PIs: Nicole Barbour, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science; Ashley Bae, University of California, Santa Cruz; Amanda Guthrie, Virginia Institute of Marine Science & College of William and Mary  
   Abstract:
2. **Graduate Pursuit:** Is Your Project *just water* or Just Water: Environmental Justice in Stream Restoration  
   **PIs:** Lucy Andrews, University of California, Berkeley; Jessica Balerna, University of South Florida  
   **Abstract:**  
   [Link](https://www.sesync.org/project/graduate-pursuits-request-for-proposals/is-your-project-just-water-or-just-water)

3. **Graduate Pursuit:** Pushed to the Edge: A Socio-Environmental Analysis of Climate Gentrification along the East Coast of the United States  
   **PIs:** Kelsea Best, Vanderbilt University; Md Sariful Islam, Virginia Tech; Zeynab Jouzi, North Carolina State University  
   **Abstract:**  
   [Link](https://www.sesync.org/project/graduate-pursuits-request-for-proposals/pushed-to-the-edge-a-socio-environmental-analysis-of)

4. **Graduate Pursuit:** Using Decision Making Models to Design Effective Policy for Natural Climate Solutions: A Case Study of Agroforestry in West Africa  
   **PIs:** Millie Chapman, University of California, Berkeley; Zoe Hastings, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
   **Abstract:**  
   [Link](https://www.sesync.org/project/graduate-pursuits-request-for-proposals/using-decision-making-models-to-design-effective)

5. **Graduate Pursuit:** Financial Opacity and Challenges to Forest Governance in Indonesia and Malaysia  
   **PIs:** Jonathan Sullivan, University of Michigan; Alice Lépissier, University of California, Santa Barbara  
   **Abstract:**  
   [Link](https://www.sesync.org/project/graduate-pursuits-request-for-proposals/financial-opacity-and-challenges-to-forest)

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