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Environmental Studies Fellowship Program

Sustainability and Environmental Justice Summer 2022

Application Deadline: **February 22, 2022 by noon**

Once started, please complete and submit the application. You will not be able to save and return to the application at a later time. We have provided a PDF of the application on the website for your information.

The Environmental Studies Fellowships provide students with the opportunity to explore the environmental studies field by working directly with a business, at the government level or through a nonprofit organization of their choosing. The Environmental Studies Program will award 1-2 fellowships for the summer of 2022.

We encourage students to seek out opportunities within the environmental studies field that will enhance their environmental studies academic experience. Although there is a preference for fellowships that fall within Sustainability or Environmental Justice, we will consider applications from a wide spectrum within the field of environmental studies. Students are encouraged to explore working for Maine based organizations. We have listed several organizations that have hosted fellows in the past on our website.

Sustainability: The Environmental Studies program encourages students to explore the topic of sustainability by working directly with an organization, agency or company that is focusing on the transition to a more sustainable society. Examples of projects that students might engage in as part of this fellowship include green design, calculating metrics of sustainability, or developing systems for conversion to alternative energy systems. The students should select an organization that is working at the cutting edge of sustainability. Placements could be with a community that is actively implementing a climate action plan, a business engaged in green design, a nonprofit organization that is implementing weatherization or community energy systems, or a state agency that is developing alternative transportation systems.

Environmental Justice: The Environmental Studies program encourages students to explore the intersection of the environment with race, class and gender by working with a nonprofit organization or agency that is working creatively with stakeholders in these areas. Examples of topics that students might address include green housing, green jobs, or urban environmental education programs. Placements could be with an organization or agency that is engaged in one of the following areas: managing an environmental education program in an urban area, raising awareness of urban agricultural systems, developing green, affordable housing, or addressing the role of green jobs as an approach to workforce development.

Award amounts are based upon the employers' ability to provide a partial remuneration, with combined total not to exceed \$5,000. Award amounts are considered taxable scholarships and must be declared by the recipients when filing their tax forms. Students will be responsible for travel and other living expenses, which may be negotiated directly with the sponsoring organization.

Eligibility:

Current first-years, sophomores and juniors; graduating seniors are not eligible. Preference given students who have taken 2 ES core courses (ENVS1101, ENVS2201, ENVS2403, or 2330) or Environmental Studies majors.

Requirements:

Hours: All fellowship programs require a minimum of 350 hours and a maximum of 400 hours of work during the summer break. This can be full-time 35 hours/week for 10 weeks or part time, 22 hours/week for 16 weeks or any combination in between as long as the total hours worked is between 350 and 400 hours. No fellowship may exceed 40 hours per week

Sponsoring organization:

All programs require submission of information on the organization with which you have requested your fellowship placement, a detailed description of your responsibilities, and the name and title of your summer

supervisor. Reporting requirements. A learning agreement and mid-summer evaluation to be completed by the award recipient and the supervisor at the sponsoring organization will be required to be mailed to the ES Program no later than **July 5, 2022**. Award recipients are required to submit a final report no later than **September 1, 2022**.

Selection Process:

Applicants must secure a commitment from the sponsoring organization within two weeks of notification. The applicant should be clear in this expectation when discussing the fellowship with the sponsoring organization.

Awards will be announced by March 18, 2021.

Application Requirements:

Please submit an application consisting of the following: completed application form; a current resume; unofficial transcript (obtainable from Polaris); a personal statement (on a separate sheet of paper – no more than one page) describing the organization, your internship responsibilities and how this internship fits in with your personal career goals; the names of two references, one of which should be a faculty member; and a brief letter from the employer outlining preliminary internship responsibilities and the organization's willingness to participate in this program.

Students who are considering applying to the program are strongly encouraged to set up a meeting with Eileen Johnson, ejohnson@bowdoin.edu. Please email to set up a time.

Before completing this application, you must submit the [Employer guidelines](#) to your sponsoring organization.

Personal Information

Name

Student ID

Class Year

Major

Email

Cell Phone

Campus Address

Permanent Address

References

Please provide the **name, position, telephone number, and email** of two references, including at least one Bowdoin faculty member.

Reference 1

Name

Position/Relationship

Telephone #

Email

Reasons for selecting

Reference 2

Name

Position/Relationship

Telephone #

Email

Reasons for selecting

Is this fellowship remote?

- Yes
- No
- The organization has not determined this yet.

If the fellowship is remote, please provide additional information about supervision.

If the fellowship is in person - please provide any health and safety guidelines that are available?

If the fellowship is in person, what types of transportation does the placement require and how do you intend to meet these requirements?

If the fellowship is in person, what type of housing arrangements have you made for this fellowship?

Are you receiving financial aid?

- Yes
- No

Is a summer job a financial necessity for you?

- Yes
- No

Please state below any special financial circumstances you feel the Committee should consider in reviewing your application.

Personal Statement, Resume and Unofficial Transcript

Please provide a one page statement that addresses the following questions. Be sure to make your answers specific to the sponsoring organization and its statement mission.

1. Why are you interested in this fellowship and how will the experience allow you to learn more about sustainability/environmental justice?
2. What experience do you have working with community or environmental issues?
3. How does this fellowship relate to your academic and/or career goals?
4. Why do you want to work for this organization and what specific experience, interest and expertise do you bring to their mission and particular needs this summer? How will this organization enable you to learn more about sustainability or environmental justice?
5. How did you choose to select this organization? In what ways are you familiar with the organization and have you worked or had any connections with the organization in the past?
6. How can you bring this experience back to Bowdoin College? State specific examples.

7. Describe what level of commitment you have been able to receive at this point from the organization.

Resume

Unofficial Transcript (from Polaris)

Sponsoring Organization Information:

Name of organization

Organization's mailing address

Supervisor

Title

Phone number

Email address

Webpage

If the organization's mission is not included on the web page, please post it below:

You are required to submit a letter of commitment from your sponsoring organization within two weeks of notification of award. A letter of commitment is not required at this time. However, securing a letter of commitment from the organization and including this with the original application is recommended.

The letter should be written on the organization's letterhead and signed by either the Executive Director or individual who will be supervising the student. The title of the individual should be included. The letter should briefly state the organization's mission, outline preliminary internship responsibilities and the organization's willingness to participate in this program.

If you have a letter of commitment at this time, please attach below. Otherwise, we will request the letter within two weeks of your notification