

2020 MAINE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

Overview

The *Maine Community Fellowships* provide students the opportunity to work and serve in the local community by way of a placement in a specific organization to address community issues while strengthening campus-community partnerships. Meant to capitalize on students' interests, the fellowship allows students to explore work in the public sector while developing an understanding of issues at the local level — what they are, and how to solve problems related to these issues by working with a broad spectrum of community leaders.

This 10-week fellowship includes a \$5,000 stipend, and fellows are eligible for on-campus housing. In addition to their placements, students convene regularly with other fellows for reflection and problem solving. Most fellowship placements go from early June to mid-August.

Expectations

As part of the program, fellows are required to:

- Participate in an orientation to the program during the first week of June;
- Convene regularly with other fellows and staff for discussion, reflection and problem solving and to identify common themes among participating agencies that might be addressed in the future;
- Present a summary of the experience to agencies, students, faculty and staff at the end of the summer;
- Participate in an evaluation of the program at the end of the summer to help shape the program's future.

Application

The Maine Community Fellowship application is available at www.bowdoin.edu/mckeen-center and can be accessed directly [here](#). Applications are due by **Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Noon EST**. Finalists will be interviewed in late February/early March and grant recipients will be notified before spring break.

You may apply to up to four (4) placement choices in the Maine Community Fellowship. For each placement choice, you must submit a cover letter and a resume (with two references) to be uploaded in one PDF document.

Cover Letter: For *each* of your placement choices, please write a cover letter addressing the following questions. Make sure your answers are specific to the individual organization, its stated mission, and the placement description.

1. How does this fellowship relate to your academic and career goals, and how do you plan to continue building on the summer fellowship experience through coursework or independent research?
2. Why do you want to work for this organization and what specific experience, interest and skills do you bring to their mission and the fellowship job description provided?

For more information on how to write a cover letter, visit [Career Planning's website](#).

Resume: At the end of your resume please provide **the best phone number for you** and **TWO references: name, position, telephone number, and email**, including at least one Bowdoin faculty member. Organizations will use this information to contact you and your references. **For more information on how to write a resume, visit [Career Planning's website](#).**

Students considering applying for the *Maine Community Fellowship* are encouraged to stop by the McKeen Center in Banister Hall and consult with Tom Ancona (tancona@bowdoin.edu; 207-798-4189) in the McKeen Center.

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2020 MAINE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ArtVan

Website: <https://artvanprogram.org/>

Area of Work: Art Therapy, Youth

Location: Brunswick, ME

Brunswick High School Garden Project

Area of Work: Agriculture, Youth Education

Location: Brunswick, ME

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Website: <http://www.ilapmaine.org/>

Area of Work: Immigration Law

Location: Portland, ME

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program

Website: <http://mchpp.org/>

Area of Work: Hunger & Homelessness

Location: Brunswick, ME

Merrymeeting Gleaners

Website: <http://www.merrymeetingfoodcouncil.org/>

Area of Work: Food Access, Farming

Location: Brunswick, ME

A personal vehicle is necessary to work with Merrymeeting Gleaners, summer mileage will be reimbursed

Portland Housing Authority

Website: <http://porthouse.org/>

Area of Work: Social Services

Location: Portland, ME

Preble Street

Website: <https://www.preblestreet.org/>

Area of Work: Hunger & Homelessness

Location: Portland, ME

ProsperityME

Website: <https://www.prosperityme.org/>

Area of Work: Immigration, Financial Literacy

Location: Portland, ME

The Telling Room

Website: <https://www.tellingroom.org/>

Area of Work: Youth, Arts & Writing

Location: Portland, ME

In-depth descriptions of all nine Maine Community Fellowship sites and the potential internship projects can be found on the Maine Community Fellowship website here:

[Fellowship Placement Site Descriptions](#)

We encourage all Maine Community Fellowship applicants to not only read these sites' fellowship descriptions, but also to do individual research on any organization you are considering applying to. Resumes and cover letters should be customized to match the organization and skills needed for the individual fellowship projects.