



Student Leaders Summer Fellowship

About the Environmental Resource Center: The mission of the ERC is to provide education and inspire action to cultivate a healthy environment in Idaho's Wood River Valley.

The Environmental Resource Center (ERC) was founded in 1993 by a group of volunteer environmentalists dedicated to the health and vitality of Blaine County.

Today, we are a small – but mighty – nonprofit working to tackle large issues on a local scale. Our environmental education programs reach people of all ages and provide individuals with opportunities to gain the knowledge, tools, and confidence needed to become stewards and leaders. Our community initiatives work to reduce waste and toxins, which ensure healthy soils and water, while galvanizing the community to protect our natural resources.

About the Fellowship:

The ERC seeks the next generation of local environmental leaders to participate in its 2020 Fellowship program. Our fellowship program is focused on taking concepts learned in the classroom and applying it to real world problems. We believe that leaders are made through experiences that expand their capacity for courage, competence, and communication. The 2020 Fellowship Program will run approximately eight weeks, from mid-June to mid-August. Due to complications from COVID-19, there is flexibility this summer on start and end dates as needed.

What You'll Do:

- **Impact-Based Projects.** With the mentorship of staff and outside advisors, you will identify and deliver a project of major importance to the organization. This summer, that may include reimagining the ERC's website to encourage increased volunteerism, planning outdoor volunteer opportunities with great environmental impact, or hosting a set of workshops that teach residents how to upcycle materials into pieces of art. The goal of the project is to teach fellows the fundamentals of project management, from scheduling and logistics to setting measurable goals and tracking outcomes.
- **Applied Research.** This key part of the fellowship develops creativity and critical thinking skills as you pilot an applied research project that contributes to the overall body of environmental knowledge. Fellows will learn how to ask questions that have scientific rigor and operational relevance. This summer, topics may include carbon sequestration, erosion control, water and air quality, and biodiversity.
- **Build Community through Service.** During this portion of the fellowship, you'll roll up your sleeves and directly serve our community. This may include working the ERC office hotline to answer recycling and pesticide-related questions, creating and distributing educational materials for local students, picking up dog waste at trailheads, pulling noxious weeds, assisting with educational hikes and workshops, among other opportunities.

Qualifications / Skills

- Strong writing, communication, and people skills
- Possess an understanding of environmental issues
- Ability to deal effectively and personably with a variety of people, including members, directors, staff and the general public. MUST enjoy working with children and adults.
- Attention to detail and ability to organize and manage diverse activities, set priorities, and remain flexible under pressure.
- Ability to work independently and efficiently with minimum supervision.
- Ability to actively problem-solve using sound judgment and critical thinking.
- Ability to use current computer technologies, including Outlook, Word, Excel, and the Internet to organize, plan and implement programs.
- Passion for the mission and goals of the Environmental Resource Center and a desire to be a team player.

Education, Experience Requirements:

This fellowship is targeted toward students currently pursuing their undergraduate degree, though advanced high school students may also apply. Previous coursework in mathematics, statistics, environmental sciences, environmental studies, and/or public policy encouraged.

Salary / Compensation

The Student Leaders Summer Fellowship is a paid position. Wages start at \$12/hr and are dependent on education and experience.

To Apply:

Please submit your CV and letter of interest to info@ercsv.org. ERC staff will be in touch with further application materials.

The ERC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. *We are an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourage candidates from underrepresented groups in science and environmental studies to apply. The ERC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or any other protected category.*