

Delaware River Watershed Fellowship 2018 at Heritage Conservancy- Bristol Marsh

Job Description

Heritage Conservancy is a member of the Alliance for Watershed Education, (AWE), a coalition of 23 environmental education centers focused on constituency building and stewardship of the Delaware River Watershed. Centers in the Alliance are connected by the Circuit Trails, the regional trail network of multi-use bike/pedestrian trails and waterways (rivers, streams, creeks.) The Alliance seeks to hire 46 young people (two at each center), for a 12-week summer fellowship designed to advance the collective impact across the watershed. The Fellows program will foster watershed stewardship by establishing a team of ambassadors and building capacity for the Centers involved and the Alliance as a whole.

With over 350 species inventoried, Bristol Marsh provides unique outdoor classroom and recreational opportunities in a highly urbanized area. Through community outreach, partnerships, trash cleanups and other stewardship activities, Heritage Conservancy works to improve Bristol Marsh and the surrounding watershed and promote community education surrounding this unique resource. The work at Bristol Marsh fits within Heritage Conservancy's mission to preserve and protect our natural and historic heritage. By engaging communities throughout Bucks and Montgomery Counties, we work to help everyone become empowered stewards of our land.

Position Summary:

The Delaware River Watershed Fellows will serve as ambassadors for AWE, Heritage Conservancy and the Delaware River watershed by engaging our watershed community, emphasizing the importance of watershed stewardship and helping Heritage Conservancy reach and engage new and underserved audiences. By the end of the 12 weeks of service, Fellows will have become local watershed experts and ambassadors to their community and will have introduced many new people to their local trails, waterways, and environmental center, as well as the steps they can take to help restore and protect the Delaware River Watershed.

Position Location: Bristol Marsh, approximately 350 Basin Park, Bristol, PA 19007 and Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA 18901. The Fellow will spend part of the time at Bristol Marsh and part at Aldie Mansion.

Duties:

- Engage target communities in the Mill/Otter Creek watershed and Delaware River watershed through stewardship, education, recreation and civic engagement.
- Required to participate in a 3 day supportive watershed stewardship training at Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 13-15.) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Fellows will be expected to participate in weekly webinars and check-ins.
- Fellows will attend 2 (two) in-person regional meetings.
- Complete a Capstone Project and present at the end of program Summit.
- Assist with water quality monitoring and stewardship needs at Bristol Marsh.
- Inventory recreational use of the preserve through observations and surveys.
- Work with Heritage Conservancy staff to engage the community and local businesses to develop partnerships surrounding stewardship at the Marsh and conduct educational outreach on the importance of watershed health.
- Greet visitors and the community on behalf of Heritage Conservancy.
- The Watershed Fellows will become local experts on Heritage Conservancy, Bristol Marsh, and urban storm water issues.
- Fellows will engage the Bristol Marsh community, talking with trail users in and around the Marsh.
- Assist staff in work with the Lower Bucks Environmental Stewardship Team (LBEST), a group of community members working to advance environmentalism and Heritage Conservancy's work in the Bristol area.
- Assist with development and execution of environmental education and programming at the Marsh and partner organization locations.

- Assist with daily office tasks as needed.
- Represent yourself in a professional and respectful manner throughout the internship as you are representing Heritage Conservancy.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18 by June 4 start date.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; superior interpersonal skills with a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity also necessary.
- Must be people oriented, have a team-focused attitude, and the ability to professionally represent Heritage Conservancy and the network to the public.
- A positive attitude and good sense of humor, as well as comfort working independently as a leader and part of a team, when needed.
- Detail oriented, ability to take direction and complete tasks.
- Must be eager to work and learn.
- Ability to endure potentially variable factors associated with outdoor work.
- Enthusiasm for natural and historic preservation.
- Occasional evening and weekend hours required.
- Valid state driver's license and own transportation required.
- Able to lead walks/hikes through varied terrain.
- Heritage Conservancy is dedicated to building a culturally diverse organization and strongly encourages applications from minorities and women.

Essential dates

- June 4, 2017: Fellow start date at Heritage Conservancy.
- June 13 - 15: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (Food, transportation and accommodations provided.)
- August 17: Watershed Fellowship Summit at John Heinz NWR, Philadelphia.
- August 24: Last day of Fellowship

Compensation: This position pays \$12/hr. Fellows will serve 35-40 hrs./week for 12 weeks.

How to apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume to:

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Application Deadline: Sunday, April 15, 2018