



2009 NWF Campus Ecology Fellowships: Fellowship Requirements, Perks and Privileges, Review and Selection Process

Topic: Implementing practices on campus to reduce your school's carbon footprint

Location: Anywhere in the United States

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Submit signed grant agreement within 2 weeks of receipt of award notice.
- Submit five bi-monthly fellowship updates (half-page minimum) via email on pre-established dates according to guidelines in the Fellows Handbook and submit entry (3-5 page project and financial update) for inclusion in NWF's annual compendium of campus sustainability case studies.
- Participate in at least four national conference calls with other NWF Campus Ecology Fellows.
- Participate and secure participation from an advisor in at least two individual conference calls with the NWF Campus team.
- Write one article for the NWF Campus Ecology monthly e-news (topic approved by NWF) or post at least two entries on NWF's Campus Ecology blog.
- Secure at least two articles in the campus and local press on your project, acknowledging NWF's Campus Ecology program. Provide NWF with digital or printed copies of the articles.
- Provide NWF with a minimum of eight high-resolution digital action images depicting you and your project along with 2-3 faculty, staff, or student participants. Include captions for each photo, names of people depicted and photo release information for each person depicted for use in NWF annual report and other media.
- Complete project objectives outlined in grant agreement during stated project period and comply with all terms of fellowship

PERKS AND PRIVILEGES

- Professional development training and networking
- Free Campus Ecology resources
- One year subscription to National Wildlife Magazine
- Free Campus Ecology individual membership
- Inclusion in annual Campus Ecology compendium of climate action case studies

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Criteria:

Project proposals will be evaluated based upon the following (judged quantitatively and qualitatively):

- How prospect will measurably contribute to campus climate leadership
- Demonstrated interest in and experience working within or with diverse constituencies

- Engagement with students, faculty, community organizations, and businesses
- Plans for outreach to local and campus newspapers
- Innovative approaches or models for the national climate action movement
- Arrangement of academic credit for successful completion of the project, as an independent study or integration of fellowship project into course curricula
- Matching funds or other financial support from the campus or another source
- Securing appropriate Project Advisor and Verifier and Grant Processor (details in document, “What The Proposal Should Include”)
- Nomination of the applicant by a formal environmental or sustainability group or committee campus
- Host campus that is currently enrolled with NWF’s Campus Ecology Program.

Attributes of a Strong Applicant:

- Creative thinking to engage non-traditional stakeholders, including hunting, fishing, recreation groups,
- Strong communication skills to build diverse coalitions,
- Initiative to overcome barriers and seek alternative avenues when necessary,
- Proactive research and outreach to ensure project will successfully achieve the above,
- Commitment to advancing environmental initiatives on academic, personal, and professional
- Interest in learning about, serving as a representative of and pursuing engagement with Affiliate organizations,
- Desire to remain an active member of NWF after the conclusion of the fellowship.