



2026 Delaware River Watershed Fellowship at Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center

Start date: June 1-10, 2026

End date: August 14-21, 2026

The Delaware River Watershed Fellowship is a 12-week, paid summer job opportunity designed to introduce young people from local communities to careers in environmental education. Fellows are hired at one of 20 environmental education centers across the Delaware River Watershed. Fellows participate in training sessions to help prepare them for a summer of helping people connect with nature and informing their local communities about issues affecting the Delaware River, the source of drinking water for 15 million people living in the region.

Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center (FWWIC), a member of the [Alliance for Watershed Education \(AWE\)](#), is seeking to hire a Fellow from North, Central or West Philadelphia to help connect with local community members around protecting the Delaware River and its waterways.

Position Location: The Fellow will be based at *Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, 640 Waterworks Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19130*. Remote work and travel to other destinations in and around Philadelphia might be required.

Compensation: Fellows are paid \$16.50/hour, 35-40 hours a week over the summer.

General Responsibilities:

- Fellows will participate in a 3-day watershed education training, at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (**overnight, June 10-12**) <http://www.peec.org/>
- Fellows will help their host Center lead programs and activities, whether in-person or virtually, for community members and visitors to their site.
- Fellows will attend in-person meetings with Fellows from other AWE Centers. (Second week in July there will be three regional meetings -locations TBD – and one All-region meeting on July 31 at Berks Nature Center).
- With guidance from their supervisor, Fellows will focus their efforts on a specific Capstone Project and present their work at the end-of-program Summit event (**August 14**).
- Fellows will document their progress by completing a short log report every other week.



The **Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center** Fellow will specifically:

- Greet and interact with visitors of all ages at FWWIC, out in the field, along the Schuylkill Trail, and on the water.
- Gain knowledge needed to give tours of the Fairmount Water Works, the Interpretive Center and the Mussel Hatchery.
- Assist in planning and delivery of summer programming and weekend family program activities.
- Assist in creating teaching materials/tools as needed.
- Engage varied audiences and represent FWWIC in outreach events.
- Lead environmental education and summer camp programs, both onsite and offsite.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18+ by June 1, 2026 start date.
- A background in environmental education is **not** required.
- A positive attitude and willingness to greet visitors and start conversations with strangers.
- An ideal candidate will be creative and flexible, and interested in learning how to engage audiences of all ages.
- Must have interest in working with youth out-of-doors, no matter the weather.
- Must be able to work Tuesday through Saturday, and occasional evenings.
- Valid driver's license and car, or proficiency with public transportation needed.
- Ability to work remotely on occasion (have access to computer/internet)

Essential dates:

- June 1, 2026: Fellow start date at **Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center** (*Fellows may arrange with their supervisor to begin any time within the first week of the program.*)
- June 10-12: Fellowship Orientation (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (*Meals, transportation, and accommodations provided.*)
- August 14: Watershed Fellowship Summit (*will be held at The Discovery Center in Philadelphia.*)
- August 21: Last day of Fellowship (*Fellows may finish their term of service any time after the August 14 Summit as needed.*)

How to apply:

Email a letter of interest indicating why you think you would be a good candidate for this opportunity to:

Stacey Heffernan, Environmental Education Specialist & Fellow Supervisor

Stacey.heffernan@phila.gov

Sending your resume is optional.

Application Deadline: We are accepting applications until March 1st, 2026.



More about Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center

The Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center (FWWIC) is the Philadelphia Water Department's (PWD) urban watershed environmental education center. FWWIC's proximity to the Schuylkill River in an urban setting supports its role as a living laboratory for water-based research, education and interpretation. The mission of FWWIC is to enhance stewardship of our shared water resources by encouraging informed decisions about the use of land and water. The FWWIC educates its citizens about Philadelphia's urban watershed, its past, present and future; and collaborates with partners to instill an appreciation for the connections between daily life and the natural environment. Our projects, programs and collaborations integrate art, history and STEM subjects to promote clean water and a healthy river.

More about the Alliance for Watershed Education

Organized in 2016, the Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River is a regional initiative of twenty partnering environmental education centers, funded and supported by the William Penn Foundation. Each of these centers is located along the Circuit Trail or a major connecting trail, and on waterways throughout the Delaware River Watershed in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The mission of the Alliance is to collectively increase and enhance constituent appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of the Delaware River Watershed, leading to greater protection and restoration of the watershed. The Alliance is committed to creating a larger and more inclusive constituency of people engaged at each center, and to promoting and sustaining a sense of belonging for all ethnicities of the people and communities of the Alliance for Watershed Education and its centers.