Delaware River Watershed Fellowship 2020
at Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center

Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center 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 along Circuit Trails, the regional trail network of multi-use bike/pedestrian trails and waterways (rivers, streams, creeks.)

The Alliance, now in its fourth season, is again seeking to hire young people at each center for a 12-week summer fellowship designed to advance their collective impact across the watershed.

The Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center (FWWIC) is the Philadelphia Water Department’s (PWD) urban watershed environmental 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.

Position Summary:
The Delaware River Watershed Fellow will serve as an ambassador for Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center and the Delaware River watershed by engaging our watershed community, emphasizing the importance of watershed stewardship and helping FWWIC reach and engage new and priority audiences. By the end of the 12 weeks of service, the Watershed Fellow will have become local watershed experts and ambassadors to their community and will have introduced many new people to their local trail(s) and waterways, as well as the steps they can take to help restore and protect the larger Delaware River Watershed.

Position Location: Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, 640 Waterworks Drive, Philadelphia 19130

Duties:
– Engage communities in and around FWWIC and the Delaware watershed through stewardship, education, recreation and civic engagement.
– Participate in a 3 day supportive watershed stewardship training at Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 10-12.) http://www.peec.org/
– Fellows will be expected to participate in weekly webinars and check-ins with Fellows at other AWE centers.
– Fellows will attend two in-person regional meetings.
– With guidance from their supervisor, complete a Capstone Project and present their work at the end of program Summit (August 14). This individual project should align with program goals, deepen the connection and engagement of trail and water users and expand watershed protection and restoration.
– Greet and interact with visitors of all ages at FWWIC, out in the field, along the Schuylkill Trail, and on the water.
– Assist FWWIC staff in engaging visitors on the Schuylkill Trail with engagement tools, including the FWWIC Mussel Cart.
– Gain the knowledge needed to give tours of the FWWIC.
– Engage varied audiences and represent FWWIC in outreach events.
– Lead environmental education and summer camp programs, both onsite and offsite.
– Assist with the development of summer group and weekend family program activities.

Qualifications and Experience:
– Age 18+ by June 1 start date.
– Must be people oriented, have a team-focused attitude, and the ability to professionally represent FWWIC and the Alliance for Watershed Education to the public.
– Oral and written communication skills; superior interpersonal skills with a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity also necessary.
– An ideal candidate will be creative and flexible, and interested in learning how to engage audiences of all ages in the understanding and protection of our waterways.
– A positive attitude and sense of humor is necessary. Needs the ability to work independently as well as part of a team.
– Strong organization skills with the ability to adapt quickly to schedule changes.
– Must be able to work Tuesday through Saturday, and occasional evenings.
– Must have ability and interest in working with students out-of-doors, no matter the weather.

Essential dates:
– June 2, 2020: Fellow start date at FWWIC
– June 10-12: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (Meals, transportation and accommodations provided.)
– July 8: Regional Meeting date
– August 5: Regional Meeting date
– August 14: Watershed Fellowship Summit (location to be announced).
– August 21: Last day of Fellowship (Fellows may finish their term of service any time after the August 14 Summit through August 25 as needed.)

Compensation: This position pays $12/hr. Fellows will commit to 35-40 hrs./week for 12 weeks June - August.

How to apply:
Email a resume and cover letter, or a letter of interest, to:
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Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2020