Academic Year 2019-20 Student Sustainable Communities Fellowship Descriptions

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The Shi Center for Sustainability and the Collaborative for Community Engaged Learning is pleased to request applications for student sustainable Communities fellowships for Academic Year 2019-2020. These fellowships are paid at $10.00 an hour and require approximately 10 hours per week. They focus on sustainability research and service. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

TO APPLY: Please submit a resume, a short statement (no more than 500 words) of interest that includes the particular fellowship(s) desired, and the names of two references (professors on campus are preferred). If you are interested in more than one fellowship, please provide a statement of interest for each position. Please email your application to Kelly Grant Purvis (Shi Center Associate Director of Sustainability Programs) at kellygrant.purvis@furman.edu no later than Sunday, September 8th, 2019. If applying to more than one position, please include an application for each position and rank your choices in the e-mail. Ms. Purvis will follow up with successful applicants to schedule an interview.

Position Listings:

Community Conservation Corps Fellow – This fellow will collect and analyze data for Furman’s weatherization program, and generate conclusions regarding the energy saved, money saved, and CO2 avoided as a result of weatherization. The fellow will accompany the CCC Program Coordinator to home weatherizations, help coordinate Furman student volunteers, and perform other basic office tasks for the CCC. They will also perform research into a digital intake process for the program. An interest in energy efficiency, and data analysis is required, and comfort writing and using Excel is a plus. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.

Sustainability Assessment Fellow – The fellow will complete the FY 2019 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) and January 2020 submission to the American Colleges and University Presidents Climate Commitment. This fellow will sit on the Sustainability Action Council’s Energy Working Group assisting campus stakeholders with energy improvements for campus, help craft a path to carbon neutrality to meet the University’s carbon neutrality goal, and work to update Furman’s Climate Action Plan. Other mini-projects, research, or data analysis related to campus sustainability may be requested. This fellow should have an interest in campus sustainability tracking, be comfortable requesting and organizing data, and enjoy working with spreadsheets and graphs. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.
**Recycling and Compost Fellow** - This position in housed jointly in facilities and at the Shi Center. This fellow will be responsible for setting up weekly campus-wide recycling pick-ups, weekly residential compost picks for our pilot dorm composting program, conducting research associated with our on-campus recycling efforts, and working to minimize waste during student move out. This position will require 7 hours of work picking up recycling and 3 hours of outreach work conducted from the Shi Center for a total of 10 hours/week.

**Sustainability Outreach and Engagement Fellow** - This fellow will work with the Center’s Associate Director for Sustainability Programs to manage student outreach for sustainability on campus and in the community. Responsibilities include sustainability campaign implementation, event planning, liaising with student organizations, coordinating student volunteers, and working with the Office of Admission, Housing and Residence Life, and Student Life division on various projects. This fellow will also maintain the Center for Sustainability’s social media outlets, student fellows blog, website, and other communications and advertising. Enthusiasm about sustainability, basic graphic design skills, writing skills and an interest in generating collaboration on campus are required for this position. The position will require up to 10 hours/week.

**Furman Farm: Composting Fellow** – This fellow will support the Farm Manager with composting operations. The fellow should have a strong interest in composting, an enthusiastic personality, and the ability to communicate to a variety of audiences, including students, faculty, staff, and community members. This position requires you to work outdoors, get dirty and work as part of a team. No previous experience or knowledge is required, just a willingness to learn and an optimistic perspective. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.

**Furman Farm: Student Assistant Farm Manager** – This fellow will work with the Compost Manager to operate the Furman Farm’s CSA program, manage volunteers and classes that volunteer at the farm, and manage daily tasks at the farm. This position requires you to work outdoors, get dirty and work as part of a team. No previous experience or knowledge is required, just a willingness to learn and an optimistic perspective. This position will require 10 hours/week.

**Green Office Fellow** - This fellow will work with the Shi Center's Associate Director of Sustainability Assessment to manage Furman’s Green Office Certification Program. The program is going into its third year. This year, we seek to improve participation and expand the program campus-wide. The fellow will be responsible for making contact with faculty and staff across campus, explaining the program, and helping departments/offices assess and overcome their unique barriers to becoming a green certified office. The fellow will also be responsible for tracking participation, presenting certificates to faculty and staff offices, and sharing/celebrating successes through social media and other campus-centric modes of communication. The ideal candidate must be comfortable speaking to groups of adults, have a background or interest in the psychology of human behavior, and a familiarity with Excel and/or Qualtrics. This position will require 10 hours/week.

**Bon Appetit Student Sustainability Fellow** – This fellow will work with Bon Appetit and Shi Center staff to create a bridge between Bon Appétit ([http://www.bamco.com/about/](http://www.bamco.com/about/)) and the campus
community at Furman, as well as to assist in maintaining the partnership between the Shi Center and Bon Appétit. This student will assist the Bon Appétit team in putting on events and creating outreach campaigns across campus, work with student, faculty and staff groups, and create programming to inform the Furman community about the Farm to Fork Program (http://www.bamco.com/timeline/farm-to-fork/). Enthusiasm about sustainability and public outreach are a plus. The position will require up to 10 hours/week.

Community Dialogue Fellow – These fellows (2) will work with non-resident scholar Nathan Stock of the Middle East Institute to develop a local conflict analysis tool. The primary goal of developing such a tool will be to empower communities at the county level to better understand triggers for possible conflict, particularly across political divides, in an effort to dispel potential conflicts. This fellow will assist in generating the initial assessment of community ties and polarizations by assisting with data gathering (i.e. conducting interviews, transcribing interviews, qualitative coding, etc.). This initial assessment is a crucial first step in developing a sound framework that communities around the country could use to prevent conflict. The ideal candidate would have experience in qualitative data collection and analysis and a desire to interact with community partners. This position will require 10 hours/week.