Academic Year 2019-20 Early Start Student Sustainability Fellowship Descriptions

David E. Shi Center for Sustainability
Furman University

The Shi Center for Sustainability is pleased to request applications for student sustainability 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 on campus. These fellowships will begin August 27th, the first day of classes. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

TO APPLY: Please submit a resume, a short statement of interest (no more than 500 words) 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. These will be shared with the site supervisor (it is fine to include similar content in the statements when applicable). Please email your application to Kelly Grant Purvis (Shi Center Associate Director of Sustainability Programs) at kellygrant.purvis@furman.edu no later than Friday April 26th, 2019. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so early applicants will have the advantage. 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.

Campus Alternative Transportation Fellow – This fellow will work on transportation issues on campus with the center’s Associate Director. Possible projects are related to bike sharing, ride sharing, bus transport, and campus transportation master planning. This position is responsible for the management of FUPOB, Furman’s student bike rental program. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.

Eco Reps Sustainable Lifestyles Fellow – The Eco Reps Program, an established program with chapters at colleges and universities nationwide, uses student leadership to promote sustainable lifestyle practices. This fellow will work with campus housing staff and student volunteers to facilitate an Eco Reps sustainable lifestyle program and events in our residence halls. This fellow will serve as a leader for the program, managing student volunteers, and liaising with Shi Center staff and campus stakeholders. This position requires an outgoing personality, attention to detail and an interest in sustainability. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.
Food Insecurity and Food Waste Fellow - Food waste and food insecurity, two issues seemingly at odds with each other, are a growing problem on college campuses. National studies have estimated that 22 million pounds of food are wasted each year on US college campuses alone, yet 20% of students at four year institutions report low food security. This project will take a comprehensive systems approach to addressing both of these issues at Furman. The project will (1) assess the extent of food insecurity across campus among our students and staff, (2) look to limit over-ordering and over-production of food for catered events, (3) develop and pilot a text notification system to redistribute excess food from catered events, particularly to those who are food insecure, (4) expand and enhance a food recovery system for remaining leftover foods from catered events to be distributed to a food pantry, (5) and finally compost any remaining food waste at our campus organic farm. The project is a collaborative venture between the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability, Bon Appetit, the Furman Farm, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The student fellow will collect food waste data, assess campus food insecurity, and oversee food waste reduction and redistribution initiatives. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.