

Call for proposals: Ruckelshaus Institute Communication Fellowship

Overview

The Ruckelshaus Institute seeks proposals from qualified applicants for a semester-long communications fellowship to carry out media-based projects that elevate and promote scientific literacy and the advancement of environment and natural resources understanding.

The fellowship is intended to offer artists, illustrators, animators, photographers, videographers, cartographers, graphic designers, and other creatives, the opportunity to produce content that is informed by, and which supports, the diverse interdisciplinary work of the Ruckelshaus Institute.

Fellowship projects can take many forms (animations, infographics, maps, illustrations) and must support some aspect of the work of the Ruckelshaus Institute. Details will be based on the fellow's interests and skills, with input, collaboration, and mentoring from Haub School science communication staff.

The Ruckelshaus Institute, a division of the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming, advances the understanding and resolution of complex environmental and natural resource challenges and supports stakeholder-driven solutions to environmental challenges by conducting and communicating relevant research and promoting collaborative decision making.

Do you...

- Have a demonstrated skill set as an artist, illustrator, animator, photographer, videographer, cartographer, graphic designer, or other artistic talent?
- Have strong written and verbal communication skills?

Apply for this fellowship if you are...

- Passionate about communicating science and natural resource scholarship to non-technical audiences
- Interested in natural resource complexities and cultural influences in the West
- Eager to dig into nuanced stories, search for data and other information
- A self-starter with a demonstrated ability to initiate projects and see them through to completion
- Open to receiving constructive criticism and working through multiple drafts
- Creative with a strong work ethic and eager to test and implement new ideas

Duties include

- Collaborate with Ruckelshaus Institute editors, writers, researchers, and/or scientists, to develop new science communication content
- Initiate independent projects and execute Ruckelshaus Institute communication projects
- Pitch independent projects that support *Western Confluence* magazine, the Wyoming Open Spaces Initiative, science communication, or other Haub School work
- Promote the appreciation and understanding of scientific research and environment and natural resource scholarship and its application to public audiences

Benefits you'll receive

- Enhance science communication skills
- Gain exposure to various forms of media publishing, from written content to video production
- Practice your media specialization in a professional setting
- Receive mentoring from the Haub School
- Work in a magazine setting
- Produce one to four published science communication pieces for your portfolio
- Network with scientists and other professionals who are committed to ENR scholarship

Logistics

- Position is at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming
- Fellowship will run spring semester 2018 (January 22 – May 4, 2018)
- Stipend is \$1200/month
- Work schedule is flexible (20 hours per week)

To apply please send a cover letter, resume/CV, and three to five samples of work to Kit Freedman (cfreedma@uwyo.edu; 307-766-5146) by December 1.