

Call for proposals: Fall 2018 Ruckelshaus Institute Communication Fellowship

Overview

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

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

Fellowship projects can take many forms (animations, infographics, maps, illustrations, and more) and must support some aspect of the Ruckelshaus Institute. Details will be based on the fellow's interests and skills with input, collaboration, and mentoring from Ruckelshaus Institute 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 by supporting stakeholder-driven solutions, conducting and communicating relevant research, and promoting collaborative decision making.

Do you...

- Have a demonstrated skill set that could be applied to benefit the Ruckelshaus Institute mission?
- Have strong visual, 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
- A self-starter with a demonstrated ability to initiate projects and see them through to completion
- Open to being heavily critiqued
- 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 and execute communication projects
- Pitch independent projects that support *Western Confluence* magazine, the Wyoming Open Spaces Initiative, science outreach, or other Ruckelshaus Institute work
- Promote public appreciation and understanding of environment and natural resource scholarship

Benefits you'll receive

- Build skills to effectively communicate scientific research
- Practice your media specialization in a professional setting
- Receive mentoring from Ruckelshaus Institute staff and faculty
- 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 fall semester 2018 (August 29 – December 10, 2018)
- Stipend is \$300/week
- Flexible schedule (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 August 1, 2018.