**Announcing Fall/Winter 2020-21**

**UW College of the Environment Science Communications Fellowship**

**Application Guidelines**

The University of Washington College of the Environment has two openings for a science communications fellowship Fall/Winter quarters 2020-21. College of the Environment Science Communications fellows gain skills in science writing, storytelling and general communication strategies. Fellows may write features for the College website, develop social media content or develop their own multimedia projects to connect people with science that matters. Along the way, they build portfolios that help them gain recognition as writers and communicators who can break down the barriers between scientific information and public understanding.

**Eligibility:** Graduate students in any field from the University of Washington may apply. Applicants must demonstrate strong writing skills, a good general understanding of and interest in natural science and/or policy. Applicants should have at least some social media experience or be interested in developing their digital content skills. The selection committee will consider writing samples, related experience and studies, references and the relevance of the fellowship to future career goals. Samples do not have to be from an academic source and references do not have to be from an academic instructor, but could be from another reputable source. The fellowship is open to graduate students only.

**Award:** Fellows receive a $3,400 stipend and are expected to work an average of 10 hours per week remotely. Fellows are also expected to meet regularly with College of the Environment communications staff via online check-ins and to maintain consistent email contact while working offsite.

**Application Deadline**: Applications for the College of the Environment Science Communication Fellowship are due to Washington Sea Grant by **5:00 p.m. PST on September 25, 2020**. Finalists for the fellowship will be selected and interviewed in **late September.** *Reference letters may be sent with the applications as part of the application package.*

*Note:* Applications for the College of the Environment Science Communication Fellowship and the Washington Sea Grant Science Communication Fellowship will be considered concurrently in a joint selection process. Applicants may apply to both opportunities with one application, but must note clearly on the cover letter that they are applying for both and why they qualify.

**Fellowship Dates:** October 12, 2020 – March 20, 2021, 2020

**Application Requirements:**

1. A cover letter (500 words or less) explaining your qualifications for the fellowship and describing how the experience supports your long-term goals.
2. Two to three writing samples.
3. A two-page resume that includes any publications, any personal or work/volunteer- related social media channels that you’ve managed, and any experience working or volunteering on a communications team.
4. Two letters of reference, including one from your professor, instructor or academic advisor.
5. Unofficial copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

**Fellowship selection and Placement Process:** Applications should be submitted electronically to sgfellow@uw.edu or by mail to: ENV Science Communications Fellowship, Washington Sea Grant, 3716 Brooklyn Avenue, NE, Seattle, WA 98105-6716. For additional informationcontact John Meyer at jjmeyer@uw.edu.