

Announcing Fall/Winter 2021 UW College of the Environment Science Communication Fellowship Application Guidelines

The University of Washington College of the Environment has two openings for a science communication fellowship that spans Fall and Winter quarters 2021. College of the Environment Science Communications fellows gain skills in science writing, storytelling and developing 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. 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 in the College of the Environment's Dean's Office and remotely. Fellows are expected to meet regularly with College of the Environment communications staff in person and online as needed, 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 Sept. 24, 2021**. Finalists for the fellowship will be selected and interviewed in **early October**.

Reference letters may be sent with the applications as part of the application package or sent separately- either way works fine. Include your contact information at the top of your cover letter (email and phone).

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: Oct 18, 2021 – March 18, 2022

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 information contact John Meyer at jjmeyer@uw.edu.