

2021 Delaware River Watershed Fellowship at The Watershed Institute

Start date: June 7-16, 2021 **End date:** August 20-27, 2021

The Delaware River Watershed Fellowship is a 12 week, paid summer job opportunity designed to introduce young people from local communities to careers in environmental education. Fellows are hired at one of 23 environmental education centers across the Delaware River Watershed. Fellows participate in training sessions to help prepare them for a summer of helping people connect with nature and informing their local communities about issues affecting the Delaware River, the source of drinking water for 13 million people living in the region.

The Watershed Institute, a member of the [Alliance for Watershed Education \(AWE\)](#), is seeking to hire a Fellow from the Greater Trenton Area to help connect with local community members around protecting the Delaware River and its waterways.

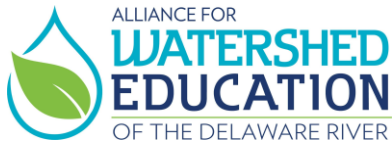
Position Location: The Watershed Institute is located in Pennington, NJ. The Fellows will spend part of their time at the Watershed Institute and the remainder at a small garden plot in Trenton. Transportation from Trenton to Pennington is available via NJ Transit bus #624, and Watershed Institute staff are willing to help hired Fellows get from the bus station to the Watershed Center.

Compensation: Fellows are paid \$15/hr, 35-40 hours a week over the summer.

Duties:

- Fellows will participate in a 3 day watershed education training, at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 16-18.) <http://www.peec.org/> (Depending on Covid limitations some or all of this training may take place virtually.)
- Fellows will help their host Center lead programs and activities, whether in-person or virtually, for community members and visitors to their site.
- Fellows will attend virtual webinars as well as in-person meetings with Fellows from other AWE Centers.
- Fellows will be paired with mentors from AWE Centers as well as past Fellowship alumni. Fellows will check in with their mentors twice a month.
- With guidance from their supervisor and mentors, Fellows will focus their efforts on a specific Capstone Project and present their work at the end-of-program Summit event (August 20).
- Fellows will document their progress by completing a short log report every week.

The Watershed Institute Fellows will specifically:



- Assist with the maintenance and care of the Kate Gorrie butterfly house, our rain gardens and green roof.
- Care for caterpillars and butterflies.
- Assist with educating visitors to the butterfly house and rain gardens. This includes presenting scheduled educational programs, and greeting and interacting with casual visitors to the house and gardens.
- Engage the community in the Greater Trenton Area in creating a small pollinator/native plant or rain garden.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Age 18+ by June 7, 2021 start date.
- A background in environmental education is NOT required.
- A positive attitude and willingness to greet visitors and start conversation with them.
- Ability to work outdoors in the summer to maintain gardens. Willingness to get your hands in the soil.
- Willingness to touch insects including caterpillars and insect predators.
- Willingness to learn, and teach about pollinators, native plants and rain gardens.
- Ability to Travel to Pennington a minimum of 3 days a week – Travel compensation is available
- Fellows will be working part time in Trenton, NJ. Familiarity with community groups in Trenton is a plus.

Essential dates:

- June 7-16, 2021: Fellow start date at The Watershed Institute (*Fellows may arrange with their Supervisor to begin any time within the first week of the program.*)
- June 16-18: Required Watershed Stewardship Training (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (*Meals, transportation and accommodations provided.*)
- August 20: Watershed Fellowship Summit (location to be announced).
- August 27: Last day of Fellowship (Fellows may finish their term of service any time after the August 20 Summit as needed.)

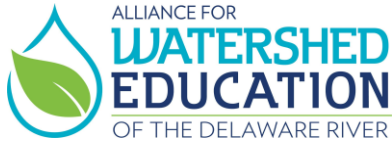
How to apply:

Email a letter of interest and a resume (optional) to jobs@thewatershed.org

Please reference “AWE Fellowship” in the email subject

If you have any questions regarding the position, please direct them to Steve Tuorto, Director of Science and Stewardship, at stuorto@thewatershed.org

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 14, 2021



More about the Watershed Institute

[The Watershed Institute](#) is a dynamic and multifaceted nonprofit conservation organization. We work to protect and restore our water and natural environment in central New Jersey through conservation, advocacy, science, and education. From our nearly 1,000-acre nature reserve in Hopewell Township, Mercer County to locations across central New Jersey, Watershed staff and volunteers work to protect and restore our natural habitats. Our reserve hosts the LEED-Platinum Watershed Center for Environmental Advocacy, Science & Education and the Kate Gorrie Butterfly House.

More about the Alliance for Watershed Education

Organized in 2016, the Alliance for Watershed Education of the Delaware River is a regional initiative of twenty-three partnering environmental education centers, funded and supported by the [William Penn Foundation](#). Each of these centers is located along the [Circuit Trail](#) or a major connecting trail, and on waterways throughout the Delaware River Watershed in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

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