



Rocky
Mountain
Conservancy

Seasonal Education Fellowships

Three 6-month opportunities, offered annually
Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO

Organization Description

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy (RMC) promotes stewardship of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) and similar lands through education and philanthropy. Working closely with our partners, the RMC Field Institute offers education and outreach programs for a wide variety of audiences, from children to adults.

Location

Rocky Mountain Conservancy is based in the mountain community of Estes Park, Colorado. Located at an elevation of 7,500 feet and above, summers are warm and sunny, with cooler temperatures higher in the mountains. Afternoon thunder showers are common, and snow can persist until early summer. Fellows should be prepared to work outdoors in weather conditions and temperatures that can vary significantly throughout the day.

Position Summary

Education Fellowships are intended to introduce current college students and recent graduates to careers in outdoor education, the National Park Service, and nonprofit sectors. Fellows assist in all aspects of the organization's education and outreach programs and work collaboratively with other Conservancy teams and RMNP staff.

Primary Responsibilities

- Develop & lead outdoor environmental educational programs for children and families, including guided ecology hikes and half-day programs.
- Assist Field Institute course instructors by driving 14-passenger vehicles, setting up presentation technology, and managing adult learners in the outdoors.
- Assist with marketing and registration for programs by answering phone and email questions, creating and distributing flyers, and drafting social media posts.
- Collaborate with other RMC teams and Rocky Mountain National Park staff on projects specifically tailored to the Fellow's interests and skills.

Desired Skills & Abilities

Education Fellows should have a strong interest in conservation, stewardship, and environmental education. Successful Fellows are flexible, adaptable, comfortable working alone and in a team, and should enjoy a dynamic, fast-paced work environment. Work schedules and responsibilities will vary from day to day and week to week, and will include some evening and weekend hours. Prior experience leading educational programs is helpful but not required.



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Compensation & Housing

- Fellows work approximately 40 hours each week and receive a stipend for living expenses of \$400 per week, paid biweekly.
- Housing for Fellows is provided at or near Rocky Mountain National Park headquarters in one of several facilities. Fellows are housed in single- or double-occupancy rooms, with kitchen and living areas shared by up to 8 people, including RMNP interns.
- Fellows should bring their own twin-size bedding and kitchen supplies, including cooking gear and dishes. Cleaning supplies will be provided.
- While Fellows may use a Conservancy vehicle for any offsite work requirements, they should be prepared to provide their own ground transportation or to carpool with roommates for groceries, personal trips, etc. Public transportation and ride share options are very limited in Estes Park. Downtown Estes Park is approximately 3 miles from housing sites.

Other Requirements & Information

- Fellows are required to hold current Wilderness First Aid and CPR certifications for the duration of their Fellowship. RMC will provide a training reimbursement of up to \$350 with appropriate documentation.
- Fellows must have a clean driving record, and will be expected to pass a background check prior to selection.
- Fellows must be U.S. citizens or eligible to work in the United States.
- Fellows will be issued uniform shirts, hats, and light-weight fleece jackets to wear during working hours.
- Weather conditions can vary greatly within Rocky Mountain National Park, and Fellows should arrive in Estes Park prepared with warm layers, rain gear, sturdy footwear suitable for hiking on uneven terrain, and a day-pack. Safety gear and other specialty equipment will be provided by the Conservancy or our partners as appropriate.

To Apply:

- Submit a resume and cover letter by email to **opportunity@RMConservancy.org**. *Please state whether you are interested in a spring (April/May) or fall (Oct.) start date.*
- Applications are reviewed as they are received, with initial interviews conducted on a rolling basis. More detailed timelines will be shared during the initial interview.
- Questions about the Fellowship should be directed to the Field Institute at 970-586-3262 or education@RMConservancy.org