



Maryland Forestry Foundation
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MEL FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Maryland Forestry Foundation is calling for applications to fill
4 Mel Fellowship positions for the period from
[October 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022.](#)**

Description:

Made possible by a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Fellowship program is intended to encourage students to pursue careers in Natural Resources and to help them matriculate in a Natural Resources-related field of student.

The responsibilities of the Fellowship are listed in Appendix A and B, with the main one being to act as an ambassador of either the Natural Resources Careers Camp or of various Urban Forestry programs and initiatives. In travels and meetings across the state, students will be introduced to a wide range of industry, government and nonprofit professionals, making important contacts for future job searches.

Each Fellowship student will receive \$10,000 over the 10-month Fellowship term, paid out monthly and based upon mutually agreed upon goals and deliverables.

Two Positions are now open for each of these Fellowships:

1. [Natural Resources Careers](#)
2. [Urban & Community Forestry](#)

Applications must be received by [September 10, 2021.](#)

Award to be announced by September 24, 2021.

[Apply now](#)

Completed application, resume and Letters of Recommendation are to be emailed to Balinski.dawn@gmail.com.

MEL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Apply now - application attached

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Application Requirements:

Applicant must be a Maryland resident and a college student currently enrolled in a Natural Resources field of study. You must be able to work independently with initiative and commit roughly 10-20 hrs/month to Fellowship activities.

Two Letters of Recommendation must be received. One from a faculty member in a natural resources field who verifies the student's enrollment in the college and speaks to the student's career interest and their ability to manage a fellowship workload in addition to their academic program. The 2nd letter should be from any other non-family member who can speak to the personal motivation and character of the applicant and their ability to work independently with initiative. Note: Inform your references which Fellowship program(s) you are applying to - they are required to know.

The attached application is a fillable PDF and must be emailed, along with your resume, to the address below by September 10, 2021. Both letters of recommendation need to be emailed to the same address by the same date.

Award:

Each Fellow will receive \$10,000, paid out monthly. The Fellowship payments are intended to offset the cost of college and will not be considered taxable income if the student's tuition and books/fees equal or exceed the Fellowship payments in each fiscal year. The estimated timing of payments will be \$3,000 in 2021 and \$7,000 in 2022.

Application Instructions:

Complete the application (fillable pdf) and email to the Treasurer, Dawn Balinski, at balinski.dawn@gmail.com along with your resume. Have the Letters of Recommendation sent to the same email address. All documents should be sent by September 10, 2021. An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the student.

Appendix A

Expectations for the Natural Resources Careers Fellowship

October 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Expectations

1. **Primary goal of the Fellowship**
 - Successful matriculation in your degree program
2. **Promotional goals**
 - Promotion of careers within Natural Resources fields by sharing your educational experiences, work experiences and future career plans with students around the state
 - Promotion of the Fellowship program within your university and to similarly situated students for recruitment of future applicants
3. **Efforts on behalf of the Natural Resources Careers Camp**
 - Become familiar with the history and operational goals of NRCC (<https://marylandforestryfoundation.org/index.cfm?event=nrcc>)
 - Provide input on promotion of the camp and on recruitment of students
 - Work with partners to increase visibility of the camp: local Forestry Boards, Maryland Forest Service, industry partners, the Green School program and the NRCC Alumni group
4. **Reporting and meeting duties**
 - Submit a Final report listing your Fellowship accomplishments and suggestions for how we can improve the Fellowship program
 - Attend NRCC committee meetings (mostly virtual)
 - Regular phone and email communication with Foundation staff and partners when appropriate
 - Visit NRCC during the week of July 24-30, 2022 to speak with students and meet NRCC staff and industry participants

NOTE : This list is subject to change. The Foundation will work with the student to develop a reasonable plan of expected outcomes.

Appendix B

Expectations for the Urban & Community Forestry Fellowship

October 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Expectations

1. **Primary goal of the Fellowship**
 - Successful matriculation in your degree program
2. **Promotional goals**
 - Promotion of careers within Natural Resources fields by sharing your educational experiences, work experiences and future career plans with students around the state
 - Promotion of the Fellowship program within your university and to similarly situated students for recruitment of future applicants
 - Assist the Maryland Urban & Community Forestry committee (MUCFC) in the expansion of their outreach activities
3. **Efforts on behalf of the Urban Forestry Careers Camp**
 - Assist in the development of a curriculum for the Urban Forestry Careers Camp as well as with the planning and launching of the camp
 - Provide input on promotion of the camp and on recruitment of students
 - Work with partners to increase visibility of the camp: local municipalities, universities, Forestry Boards, Maryland Forest Service and industry partners
4. **Reporting and meeting duties**
 - Submit a Final report listing your Fellowship accomplishments and suggestions for how we can improve the Fellowship program
 - Attend relevant meetings at DNR and around the state
 - Visit the Urban Forestry Careers Camp in the summer of 2022 to speak with students and meet the UFCC staff and industry participants
 - Regular phone and email communication with Foundation staff and partners when appropriate

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APPLICATION

MEL FELLOWSHIP POSITION

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Choice of Fellowship programs (may choose both - only one awarded):

Natural Resources Careers Fellowship
Urban & Community Forestry Fellowship

Contact Information

Student applicant:

Last name

First name

Contact info:

Email address

Phone

Street address

City, State, Zip

College and Career Aspirations

College in attendance:

City

State

College start date

Month/Year of expected graduation

Note: List any other colleges attended in written section on next page.

Cumulative GPA

Current major

Current minor

Career interest:

List field(s) or job title(s) of interest to you

NRCC participation*:

* If you have participated in Maryland's Natural Resources Careers Camp, list the year(s) and whether you attended as a student or as a counselor.

Application Essay

Describe your interest in the field of natural resources, how you have put that interest into action and what college and career aspirations you have. If you have attended more than one college, please provide the attendance dates and any degrees earned. Highlight any past work experience that may relate to the expectations of the fellowship. If more space is needed, attach an additional page.