Academic Year 2017-18 Student Sustainability Fellowship Descriptions

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The Shi Center for Sustainability is pleased to request applications for student sustainability fellowships for Academic Year 2017-2018. These fellowships are paid at $10.00 an hour and require approximately 10 hours per week. They focus on sustainability research and service on campus. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

TO APPLY: Please submit a resume, a short statement (no more than 500 words) of interest that includes the particular fellowship(s) desired, and the names of two references (professors on campus are preferred). If you are interested in more than one fellowship, please provide a statement of interest for each position. These will be shared with the site supervisor (it is fine to include similar content in the statements when applicable). Please email your application to Kelly Grant Purvis (Shi Center Associate Director of Sustainability Programs) at kellygrant.purvis@furman.edu no later than Friday, September 8th, 2017. If applying to more than one position, please include an application for each position and rank your choices in the e-mail. Ms. Purvis will follow up with successful applicants to schedule an interview.

Position Listings:

Community Conservation Corps Fellow – This fellow will analyze data collected by Furman's weatherization program, the Community Conservation Corps. The fellow will generate conclusions regarding the energy saved, money saved, and CO2 avoided as a result of weatherization. The fellow will also accompany the CCC Program Coordinator to home weatherizations, help to coordinate Furman student volunteers, and perform other basic office tasks for the CCC. An interest in energy efficiency and data analysis is required, and comfort using Excel is a plus. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.

Recycling and Recycling Auditing Fellow - This position in housed in facilities and will be responsible for setting up weekly campus-wide recycling pick-ups and for conducting research associated with our on-campus recycling efforts. This position will require 5 hours of work picking up recycling and 5 hours of outreach work conducted from the Shi Center for a total of 10 hours/week.

Sustainability Outreach and Engagement Fellow – This fellow will work with the Center's Program Coordinator to manage student outreach for sustainability on campus. Responsibilities include sustainability campaign implementation, event planning, liaising with student organizations, coordinating student volunteers, and working with the Office of Admission, Housing and Residence Life, and Student Life division on various projects. This fellow will also maintain the Center for
Sustainability’s social media outlets, student fellows blog, website, and other communications and advertising. Enthusiasm about sustainability and an interest in generating collaboration on campus are required for this position. The position will require up to 10 hours/week.

Furman Farm: Composting Fellow – This fellow will support the Aquaponics Manager and Farm Manager with composting operations. The fellow should have a strong interest in composting, an enthusiastic personality, and the ability to communicate to a variety of audiences, including students, faculty, staff, and community members. This position requires you to work outdoors, get dirty and work as part of a team. No previous experience or knowledge is required, just a willingness to learn and an optimistic perspective. This position will require up to 10 hours/week.

Furman Farm: Aquaponics System Manager – This fellow will work with the Farm Manager and Compost Manager to operate the Furman Farm’s aquaponics system. Our aquaponics system uses resource loops to grow both animals and plants within a greenhouse. This position requires you to work outdoors, get dirty and work as part of a team. No previous experience or knowledge is required, just a willingness to learn and an optimistic perspective. This position will require 10 hours/week.

Furman Farm: Student Assistant Farm Manager – This fellow will work with the Aquaponics Manager and Compost Manager to operate the Furman Farm’s CSA program, manage volunteers and classes that volunteer at the farm, and manage daily tasks at the farm. This position requires you to work outdoors, get dirty and work as part of a team. No previous experience or knowledge is required, just a willingness to learn and an optimistic perspective. This position will require 10 hours/week.

Campus Reuse Fellow/ Paladin Pickers fellow/ Trash to Treasure Fellow - This fellow will work with Shi Center staff and other campus stakeholders to research successful campus surplus goods reuse programs, create a framework for launching a similar program at Furman, aid in the organization of Furman’s surplus warehouse, and orchestrate the collection and inventory of donated items during student move-out in the spring. This position will require visioning, logistics, and some manual labor both outdoors and in unconditioned space. Ideally, this fellow could continue work over the summer to inventory goods and orchestrate the inaugural sale during student move-in next fall. This position will require 10 hours/week.

Green Office Fellow - This fellow will work with the Shi Center’s Associate Director of Sustainability Assessment to launch a new Green Office Certification Program on campus. The fellow will be responsible for making contact with department chairs and department assistants, explaining the program, and helping departments assess and overcome their unique barriers to becoming a green certified office. The fellow will also be responsible for designing the green office award certificate, planning the award presentation(s), and sharing/celebrating the departments’ efforts through social media and other campus-centric modes of communication. This position will require 10 hours/week.

Bon Appetit Student Sustainability Fellow – This fellow will work with Bon Appetit and Shi Center staff to create a bridge between Bon Appétit (http://www.bamco.com/about/) and the campus community at Furman, as well as to assist in maintaining the partnership between the Shi Center
and Bon Appétit. This student will assist the Bon Appétit team in putting on events and creating outreach campaigns across campus, work with student, faculty and staff groups, and create programing to inform the Furman community about the Farm to Fork Program (http://www.bamco.com/timeline/farm-to-fork/). Enthusiasm about sustainability and public outreach are a plus. The position will require up to 10 hours/week.