

# 2025 Delaware River Watershed Fellowship

at Heritage Conservancy

**Start date:** June 2-10, 2025 **End date:** August 15-22, 2025

The Delaware River Watershed Fellowship is a 12-week, paid summer opportunity that introduces young people from local communities to careers in environmental education. Fellows are placed at one of 20 environmental education centers throughout the Delaware River Watershed. At their assigned center, they receive training and prepare and complete a project by summer's end. Fellows also work to raise awareness about issues impacting the Delaware River, a critical source of drinking water for 15 million residents in the region.

Heritage Conservancy, a proud member of the <u>Alliance for Watershed Education (AWE)</u>, is seeking a Fellow from the Lower Bucks/Bristol/Croydon area to engage with local community members and promote the protection of the Delaware River and its waterways.

**Position Location:** Heritage Conservancy offices are located within Aldie Mansion at 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA. The Fellow will also have the opportunity to spend time working on programs hosted at our preserves or partnering organizations located near Bristol and Croydon as well as throughout Bucks County.

**Compensation:** Fellows are paid \$16.25/hr, 37.5 hours a week over the summer. Summer housing may be available.

# **Duties:**

- 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 15).
- Fellows will document their progress by completing a short log report every week.
- Fellows will participate in a 3 day watershed education training, at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (overnight, June 11-13.) <a href="http://www.peec.org/">http://www.peec.org/</a>
- 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 in-person meetings with Fellows from other AWE Centers.



### The Fellow at Heritage Conservancy will specifically:

- Receive training on and assist with student environmental education, public and community outreach programs and events.
- Create supplemental educational materials and resources for school and community programs.
- Utilize community survey data to develop and plan for public programs in Lower Bucks at Heritage Conservancy preserves.
- Connect with new community groups and partners in Lower Bucks County.
- Assist with trail and property maintenance, including invasive plant removal and trash clean up, as needed, at Bristol Marsh, Croydon Woods and other preserves in Bucks County.
- Assist with daily office tasks and other events as needed.
- Represent themself in a professional and respectful manner throughout the internship in a manner befitting Heritage Conservancy and AWE.
- Comply with all Heritage Conservancy workplace safety rules and regulations that are in effect during the fellowship.

## **Qualifications and Experience:**

- Age 18+ by June 2, 2025 start date.
- Applicants from Bristol, Croydon, or Lower Bucks County, PA preferred.
- Must exhibit enthusiasm for the natural environment.
- Prior knowledge of natural science is a plus, but not required.
- Must be able to work well with others both in the office and in the community.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be eager to work and learn.
- Attention to detail, ability to take direction and complete tasks.
- Strong time and project management skills needed.
- Must be self-motivated, have a positive attitude and willing to work in a flexible work environment.
- Ability to endure variable environmental factors associated with outdoor work.
- Able to walk/hike through varied terrain.
- Occasional evening and weekend hours required (approximately 6 hours per month).
- Reliable mode of transportation preferred.
- Heritage Conservancy seeks team members who represent the communities we serve, strives to foster an inclusive work environment, and is an Equal Employment Opportunity organization.



#### **Essential dates:**

- June 2, 2025: Fellow start date at Heritage Conservancy (Fellows may arrange with their Supervisor to begin any time within the first week of the program.)
- June 11-13: Fellowship Orientation (overnight) at Pocono Environmental Education Center. (Meals, transportation and accommodations provided.)
- All Region Meeting: July 30th (Firm)
- August 15: Watershed Fellowship Summit (location to be announced).
- August 22: Last day of Fellowship (Fellows may finish their term of service any time after the August 15
  Summit as needed.)

## How to apply:

Complete our online application HERE and email a resume to:

Whittier Henke Senior Community Engagement Associate whenke@heritageconservancy.org

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and will be accepted until position is filled or March 10, 2025, whichever occurs first. Early submission is encouraged.

## **More about Heritage Conservancy**

Through education, local organizational partnerships, community cleanups and environmental stewardship, <u>Heritage Conservancy</u> works to improve and protect our local watershed. We want the public to enjoy our preserved land, help uncover local history, and instill a sense of shared community in Bucks County and the surrounding areas.

## 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. 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.