

# Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

for environmental education

## *Steeby Land Management Fellowship* 2019 Application

### General Information

#### 1. Purpose:

The purpose of the *Steeby Land Management Fellowship* is to nurture the development of promising students who are interested in natural areas management and research. Land Management Fellows will work with natural resource professionals and scientists gaining skills in land management and research. Fellows will complete a number of assigned tasks, but will have a focus area in either research, stewardship, or education. Fellows commit to working 32-40 hours per week for 10-12 weeks from mid-May through early-August. Fellowship activities include:

- Field work
- Monitoring and identifying of organisms
- Utilizing technology such as GPS/GIS
- Sharing findings and experiences through presentations and papers
- Communicating with the general public
- Working as a part of a team.

#### 2. Eligibility:

The *Steeby Land Management Fellowship* is available to undergraduate students of the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute Consortium. Full-time students who have not yet completed the requirements for graduation are eligible. Students must be over 18 by the start of the project. Applicants who are not citizens of the United States should contact the Institute prior to applying to make special arrangements.

#### 3. Grant Award:

Fellows will receive a \$4,200 stipend, and each applicant can also request up to 12 weeks of on-site housing and meal support (continental breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday) while at the Institute during the summer months. A minimum of four students will be funded for 2019. The announcement of the student selection will be made in March of 2019.

#### **4. Responsibilities and Reporting:**

The participants of all funded projects will need to sign an agreement and return it to the Institute by March 31, 2019.

The following is required for all fellows:

1. Attend an orientation meeting on April 14, 2019.
2. Fellows are expected to participate in the summer program including weekly meetings and service hours. Faculty are expected to lead one of the weekly meetings for the fellows.
3. Fellows are required to complete 20 service hours over the summer.
4. Fellows will provide a progress presentation and report in late June.
5. Fellows will present results of their project on September 28, 2019 at the Research Report Meeting.
6. Fellows must submit their work and a summary of their experience by October 21, 2019. All documents and reports submitted to Pierce Cedar Creek Institute will become the property of the Institute to use and duplicate at the Institute's discretion.
7. Students and faculty mentors are required to participate in the evaluation of the URGE program.

In addition to assigned work projects, each fellow will complete an individual research, stewardship project developed with Institute staff. They will also complete a summary of their experience at the Institute.

#### **5. Fellowship Payments:**

Student stipends will be paid in five installments, with the last payment paid after the final project and report are approved.

# Application and Guidelines

## 1. Application:

The completed application must be e-mailed as a .doc, .docx or .pdf to Matthew Dykstra ([dykstram@cedarcreekinstitute.org](mailto:dykstram@cedarcreekinstitute.org)) by February 7, 2019. The application should have 1-inch margins and be in 11- or 12-point font.

The application must include:

- a. Cover sheet, including three references (see below)
- b. Two-page synopsis of your background, education, and career goals. Include a description of how this program will fit with your career goals and development as a land management/natural resources/science professional. Describe why we should select you for this program. Include a statement of commitment that you will commit 10 to 12 weeks of full-time work to the Institute for successful fellowship completion.
- c. Resume
- d. Unofficial transcript reflecting courses completed and grades received.
- e. Letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

Any questions regarding the grants can be directed to: Matthew Dykstra - Field Station Manager, [dykstram@cedarcreekinstitute.org](mailto:dykstram@cedarcreekinstitute.org) or 269-721-4473.

## 2. Award Evaluation Criteria

The following factors along with a personal interview will be considered in making award decisions for the *Steeby Land Management Fellowship* program:

1. Essay is easy to understand, well-written, and presented clearly.
2. Program adds to the development of the student's academic and professional growth and development.
3. The proposal, student's resume and transcript(s) demonstrate how the student's background, experience, and interests contribute to the project.
4. Student's coursework and experience demonstrate their ability to successfully complete the project.

# ***Steeby Land Management Fellowship Application - Cover Sheet***

*Deadline: February 7, 2019*

**College or University:**

**Student**

Name:  
Local Address:  
Permanent Address:  
Phone: E-mail:  
Major: Emphasis (if applicable):  
Anticipated graduation date: Current GPA:  
Are you a US Citizen?  
Dates Available for Fellowship: to

**Interests**

Rank the following in order of interest: research, education, and natural areas management

**Reference 1**

Name: Department:  
Address:  
Phone: E-mail:

**Reference 2**

Name: Department:  
Address:  
Phone: E-mail:

**Reference 3**

Name: Department:  
Address:  
Phone: E-mail:

**Signature** - By signing below, applicants are confirming that if selected they will follow the requirements of the fellowship and commit sufficient time and effort to ensure completion of the proposed work.

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Applicant

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Date

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