

Summer BioBlitz Fellowship 2023 Announcement W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

Location: W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University
Hickory Corners, Michigan 49060

Dates of Fellowship: Summer 2023 (May 16-August 15, 2023)

Deadline for Application: **Friday, January 6th, 2023**

Fellowship Description: We are seeking a Fellow to support a BioBlitz community science event. A BioBlitz is an event in which teams of volunteers work together to find and identify as many species as possible. It is an opportunity for scientists to engage and educate the public about the importance of biodiversity through hands-on experiences. It is inherently a community effort as it involves professional scientists, naturalists, citizen scientists, summer undergraduate students, and any member of the public who values nature and science.



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The BioBlitz Project Fellow will hold a lead role in event planning, data collection, participant involvement, and program evaluation. They will work collectively with the BioBlitz planning team. The goal for the 2023 BioBlitz is to engage people in collecting and identifying species around them and increase awareness of biodiversity. Importantly, this effort will aid in long-term data collection and an understanding of our local biodiversity that will benefit research.

Key responsibilities will include:

- 1) Working with a team to coordinate and execute a BioBlitz event on Saturday, June 17, 2023, with a rainout date on June 23, 2023
- 2) Helping establish data collection protocols for specific projects and work with the iNaturalist platform to collect and organize data
- 3) Engaging with the summer Academic Programs Graduate Fellows, undergraduate students, and the general public
- 4) Evaluating BioBlitz data and reporting back to participants by communicating the results of a BioBlitz

Qualifications: Graduate students pursuing a master's or Ph.D. who **have completed at least one year** of graduate work at MSU are eligible to apply. The BioBlitz Project Fellow will need to be detail oriented, have

strong interpersonal and communication skills, and demonstrate experience in working as part of a team.

Compensation: The BioBlitz Project Fellow will receive a sum of \$9,500 paid at the beginning of the term to cover stipend, tuition, and health insurance. The fellowship funding will be directly deposited into your student account. Please note that the IRS and the Michigan Treasury consider graduate fellowships as taxable income, and your fellowship award will be reported on a 1098-T form. Taxes will not be withheld from the fellowship. For more information, please see:
<http://www.supportforstudents.msu.edu/articles/2015-important-tax-information-for-students>.

Note: Summer fellows are required to be enrolled in a course and receiving at least 1 credit.

Time commitment and expectations: This fellowship will require approximately 20 hours/week on average over the summer semester and will include a small number of weekend hours. Actual work needs will differ depending on the activities. ******The Fellow must commit to being able to work the weekend of June 16-18 and 23-25 and be on-site prior to the event for meetings and program setup*** ***

To apply:

Submit the following as a single pdf: (1) a statement of interest that includes a short description of your research, your experience or interest in environmental education and outreach; (2) a CV that includes prior project coordination and outreach experience.

The application file should be, named “LastName_KBS_BioBlitzFellowship.pdf”, and emailed to the Community Outreach Coordinator at klotzmis@msu.edu

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