

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**POSTING DATE:** September 24, 2024

**POSITION:** LTAR Outreach Fellowship

**SITE:** MSU's W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, Michigan 49060

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS:** One part-time fellowship at 10 hours/week

**DURATION:** 10 hrs/week from January 13 –May 2, 2025

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**GOAL:** The goal of the KBS LTAR Outreach Fellowship is to collect and communicate farmer stories that highlight conservation practices that are researched at the KBS Long-Term Research Site, to build the KBS farmer network, and support ongoing farmer research projects. Ongoing projects include a network-level effort to identify indicators that are most useful to guide on-farm management, as well as an on-farm climate resiliency & soil health project (led by the Sprunger Lab).

**POTENTIAL EXPERIENCES MAY INCLUDE:**

- Develop interview and survey instruments to collect information about farmers' management practices, perceptions of soil health, and views on climate resiliency, etc
- Travel to Michigan farms to interview farmers.
- Produce farmer profiles and communication content related to the interviews using mixed-media including website, podcasts, etc.



## W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

### Community Relations

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***Minimum Required 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
- Awareness of common conservation practices in Michigan agriculture.
- Ability to drive to farms to conduct interviews (vehicle can be provided)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work both independently and in a team
- Strong organizational skills
- Creative

**Compensation:** Funding for the 2025 Science Communication Fellowship is made possible through The Kellogg Biological Station and the MSU Graduate School. Fellows will be paid a total of \$7,250 for tuition, stipend, and health insurance at the beginning of the term. The successful applicant must enroll for at least one credit. The fellowship funds will be deposited directly into the successful applicant's student account. The fellowship is taxable income and will be reported on a 1098-T form. No taxes will be withheld. Please note: this Fellowship stipend includes funds for health insurance and one credit of in-state tuition. Additional funds may be available to cover out-of-state tuition and/or health insurance for dependents.

For further details, visit <http://www.supportforstudents.msu.edu/articles/2015-important-tax-information-for-students>.

**Time Commitment and Expectations:** This fellowship position requires the Fellow to have a KBS affiliation. Schedule includes hybrid work and up to five on-site days and travel to farms around the state.. Must be available from January 13 –May 2, 2025, commit 10 hours per week, and attend weekly (Zoom or in-person) meetings with Fellowship mentors.

**To Apply:**

Submit an application package, which includes:

- A C.V. or resume
- A 1–2-page statement of interest describing why you are interested in the position and any relevant skills or experiences
- A letter of support from your faculty advisor

Please name the application file "LastName\_KBS\_LTARFellowshipSpring2025.pdf" and email it to the Education and Outreach Coordinator at [klotzmis@msu.edu](mailto:klotzmis@msu.edu).

**About the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station**

As Michigan State University's largest off-campus educational complex, KBS has put its land-grant values into practice for nearly a century, providing the public with examples of science's crucial role in sustaining natural and managed communities. KBS students and faculty work to understand and solve real-world environmental problems for a better tomorrow. To learn more, visit [kbs.msu.edu](https://kbs.msu.edu).

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