

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

POSTING DATE: November 19, 2024

POSITION: Bird Diversity Surveys and Community Outreach

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

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: One part-time fellowship at 10 hours/week, 150 hours

DURATION: Spring Semester; January 13 – May 2, 2025 (15 weeks)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Application review starts December. 2., 2024

GOAL: Partner with the City of Battle Creek on their "Restoring Battle Creek's natural areas for a Healthier Kalamazoo River" National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant on conducting bird diversity surveys along the restored riparian site in Battle Creek. Create and deliver educational opportunities to students and the public by providing field trips and training in relevant apps and tools including Merlin, eBird, and iNaturalist.

Location to Survey: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yvUfTjeUB7a4MSuC6>

POTENTIAL EXPERIENCES MAY INCLUDE:

- Experience identifying birds by sight and sound
- Leading student field trips or community birding hikes
- Producing science communication content related to this project for various audiences, including the general public, partners, and funding sources;
- Creating and publishing content for website and social media

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
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work both independently and in a team
- Strong organizational skills
- Current driver's license and ability to drive to the survey location

Compensation: Funding for the 2025 Bird Diversity and Outreach Fellowship is possible through Biological Station George H. Lauff Scholarship Fund, MSU Graduate School, and the City of Battle Creek's National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant. Fellows will be paid \$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.

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

Additional funds may be available to cover out-of-state tuition and/or health insurance for dependents. Apply for these funds if needed at Click on KBS Awards and Fellowships for Graduate Students at <https://www.kbs.msu.edu/education/financial-support-housing/>. Click on "Graduate Fellowship and Award Application" at the start of the second paragraph.



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Time Commitment and Expectations: This fellowship position requires the Fellow to have a KBS affiliation. The fellow must be available from January 13 to May 2, 2025, and commit 10 hours per week, and attend weekly (Zoom or in-person) meetings with Fellowship mentors.

To apply:

Please submit a single PDF file that includes the following documents:

1. A cover letter outlining your interest in this position, any relevant skills or experiences, and your experience or interest in science communication.
2. A curriculum vitae (CV).

Please name the application file "LastName_KBS_BirdDiversityandOutreach_2025.pdf" and email it to the Education and Outreach Coordinator at klotzmis@msu.edu.

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