

Summer Broader Impacts Fellowship 2026

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University

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Site: MSU's W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Positions: One (10 hours/week)

Fellowship Dates: May 12 – August 14, 2026

Application Timeline: February 2, 2026

Fellowship Overview

The Broader Impacts Fellowship provides graduate students with dedicated support to design and implement a community engagement project that connects their research to a specific non-scientific audience. This may include K–12 groups, community organizations, undergraduate students, stakeholder groups, farmers, or the general public.

If you are an NSF GRFP recipient or interested in connecting your research with new audiences, this fellowship offers a structured and well-supported way to fulfill your Broader Impacts requirement by translating your scientific work into accessible, meaningful engagement. Your project should highlight why your research matters beyond academia and identify the key concepts that will benefit your chosen audience.

Proposal Guidelines

Your proposal should provide a clear, concise overview of both your research and your outreach concept for the fellowship. Be sure to include:

- A brief summary of your research and its broader relevance
- A description of your target audience and why you selected them
- Required resources or partnerships
- A detailed work plan outlining how you will use the 120 hours of fellowship support
- Specific project objectives and anticipated deliverables



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Think of this proposal as a small-scale grant application: focused, well-structured, and outcome-oriented.

Fellow Responsibilities

- Develop a project outline with clear goals, milestones, and deadlines
- Participate in scheduled check-ins for guidance and progress review
- Produce a one-page summary of accomplishments at the end of the fellowship
- Share your work through a blog post or a series of social media posts to broaden public visibility

These components help document your Broader Impacts activities for inclusion in future NSF reporting or professional portfolios.

Minimum Qualifications

This fellowship is open to MSU graduate students pursuing a master's or Ph.D., with priority given to students who have advanced to candidacy and plan to conduct research at KBS. Successful applicants typically demonstrate:

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- The ability to work independently and manage project timelines
- Creativity in designing outreach activities
- Strong organizational skills

Compensation

Fellows will receive a **\$4,500 payment** at the start of the term to cover tuition, stipend, and health insurance. The successful applicant must enroll in at least one credit hour. Fellowship funds will be deposited directly into the applicant's student account. The fellowship is considered taxable income and will be reported on **Form 1098-T**. No taxes will be withheld.

Additional tax information is available at: <https://controller.msu.edu/student-accounts/1098-t>

Time Commitment and Expectations

The fellowship term runs from May 11 to August 14, 2026, and is a part-time appointment at 10 hours per week.

How to Apply

Please submit one PDF file **that includes:**

- 1. Broder Impacts Proposal**
 - A brief summary of your research and its broader relevance
 - Specific project objectives and anticipated deliverables
 - Highlight your relevant skills or experience
 - See proposal guidelines for more information
- 2. Curriculum vitae (CV)**
- 3. List three references**

Name your file: **LastName_KBS_Broder_Impacts Fellowship.pdf**

Email your application to Misty Klotz, Education and Outreach Coordinator at 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 challenges for a better tomorrow.

Learn more, visit kbs.msu.edu.

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