

Science Education and Outreach Fellowship

Academic Year 2026 -2027

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

Positions Available: Two (2)

Fellowship Term: August 15, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week

Application Review Begins: February 2, 2026 (applications accepted on a rolling basis)

Position Overview: The W.K. Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) at Michigan State University invites **master's and PhD** students to apply for the Science Education and Outreach Fellowship. Fellows will play an integral role in advancing the station's outreach initiatives, fostering science literacy across K-12 audiences, educators, and the broader public. This fellowship is ideal for students who want to build skills in science communication, K-12 education, and public engagement while contributing to KBS's mission of advancing environmental literacy.

Fellowship Experience Overview

Fellows receive a comprehensive professional development experience that includes:



W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

Community Relations

3700 E. Gull Lake Drive
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

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floor

Communications: 269-671-
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Development: 269-671-2444

Outreach: 269-671-2360

Volunteer: 269-671-2263

Fax: 269-671-2409

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- Mentorship from KBS education and outreach professionals
- Training in science communication, pedagogy, curriculum design, and public engagement
- Hands-on experience collaborating with K-12 teachers and school districts
- Opportunities to translate research for non-scientific audiences
- Networking within the KBS research and education community
- Creation of portfolio-ready products such as curriculum modules, workshops, and outreach materials

In addition to these benefits, Fellows may take on responsibilities such as:

- Designing science communication materials that make current research accessible to public audiences
- Developing and updating NGSS-aligned curriculum in partnership with K-12 educators
- Leading place-based field experiences for visiting school groups
- Supporting educator professional development workshops and public outreach events
- Contributing to ongoing KBS education initiatives and developing new outreach products

Eligibility:

- MSU graduate students (master's or PhD) in ecology, evolution, biology, environmental science, or related fields
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Creative, organized, and enthusiastic about science education
- Priority given to students who have advanced to candidacy and who conduct (or plan to conduct) research at KBS

Compensation: The fellowship provides a **\$34,000 stipend** for the 2026–27 academic year, paid in two installments of \$16,000. This amount covers stipend, tuition, and health insurance.

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:

- 20 hours/week, hybrid schedule with required on-site days at KBS
- Required availability from **May 15 – June 30, 2026**
- Weekly meetings with fellowship mentors (Zoom or in-person)

How to Apply

Submit the following as a single **PDF file**:

1. **CV or résumé**
2. **1–2 page statement of interest**
 - Describe your research area, experience with outreach/education, and goals for the fellowship
3. **Letter of support from your faculty advisor**
 - May be emailed directly by the advisor or included in your application packet

Email materials to:

Misty Klotz – klotzmiss@msu.edu

Subject line: *Sci_Edu_Outreach_LastName_KBS.pdf*

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About the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

KBS is Michigan State University's largest off-campus education and research center. For nearly a century, KBS has embodied MSU's land-grant mission by demonstrating how science can inform the stewardship of natural and managed ecosystems. Students and faculty at KBS work to understand and address real-world environmental challenges to build a more sustainable future. Learn more at **kbs.msu.edu**.

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