

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:

- 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:



W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

Community Relations

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Development: 269-671-2444

Outreach: 269-671-2360

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- 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 – klotzmis@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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