The Island Fellows Program is a signature program of the Island Institute. Since 1999, the Island Fellows Program has placed recent college and master's degree graduates in Maine's coastal and year-round island communities to work on community identified projects. Island Fellowships provide a unique opportunity for recent graduates to apply their skills and experience to help build sustainability within communities whose way of life and identity face great challenges and even greater opportunities.

**HOW DOES THE ISLAND FELLOWS PROGRAM WORK?**

The Island Fellows Program immerses recent graduates within an island or remote coastal community for two years while working on a community identified project. Island Fellows connect directly with community members to gain an intimate understanding of island life and work on community identified priority projects, while also contributing their own interests and energy to island life.

**QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A FELLOW**

- A baccalaureate or graduate degree within the last five years
- Demonstrated interest and experience in a relevant field
- The ability to work in the United States

**QUALITIES OF SUCCESSFUL FELLOWS**

- Flexibility
- Self-motivation and the ability to work with minimal supervision
- Humor
- Openness to experience new activities and new ways of thinking
- A strong desire to live and work within a small, remote community
- A strong service ethic
- Fellows are instilled with a sense of adventure and purpose, yet able to thrive in the closeness of a rural community.
HOW TO BECOME AN ISLAND FELLOW

1. Download and submit the application (available in February)
2. Make sure you ask for a reference letter well before the deadline.

After a period of matching applicants with host communities, there is a second round of virtual interviews with fellow advisors, so they can meet the candidates who best fit their project.

Virtual interviews will take place with the outstanding applicants.

If the site visits are successful, then the candidates are offered a fellowship.

The top applicants travel to the islands for a site visit.

Fellows arrive in the first week of September for an orientation. They will live in their new community for two years.

Questions? Contact Andy Theriault at atheriault@islandinstitute.org
Applications can be found at: www.islandinstitute.org/island-fellows

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2020