

Host a Fellow!

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.

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an Island Fellow, contact Kate Tagai at ktagai@islandinstitute.org

More Information can be found at: www.islandinstitute.org/island-fellows

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Express your interest: reach out to Fellows Team Strategic Lead Kate Tagai at ktagai@islandinstitute.org
2. Submit a written application by March 4, 2022
3. Interview with Island Institute staff

Note: submitting an application does not guarantee that a community will host a fellow.



DO YOU:

- Live or work in an island or coastal community?
- Work for a nonprofit, municipal, or educational organization?
- Have important projects that need to be done but lack the capacity or technical expertise?

FELLOWS PROVIDE:

- An extra set of hands for community identified needs
- Time and skills to move the project forward
- Added value as a new community member
- Connection to the Island Institute

GREAT FELLOWS PROJECTS:

- Address a clear community need
- Are time-bound, lasting up to two years
- Involve collaborative partnerships
- Have support from community organizations and leaders
- A path to sustainability after the fellowship ends

HOST-SITE REQUIREMENTS:

- Have 1-2 primary projects for the fellow's focus (see above)
- Year-round housing for the fellow (can move seasonally)
- An advisor who can make themselves available and support the fellow's work - this includes weekly meetings with the fellow and monthly communication with the Island Institute.
- A financial match. Note: host site contributions will increase this year, for the first time since 2012. We will announce the new cost structure in early 2022.

FELLOWS RECEIVE:

- Full benefits of being an Island Institute employee
- Housing
- Engagement in challenging, varied, and important work that is usually not available in entry level positions
- Access and connection with professional networks including the Fellows Alumni Network
- Professional development and support
- Connection to a cohort of current fellows