

Be 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.

APPLICATION

Application becomes available online in January. Deadline: March 17, 2023

For more information:

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HOW DOES THE ISLAND FELLOWS PROGRAM WORK?

Island or remote coastal organizations apply to the Island Institute with a community supported project that could benefit from an extra set of hands. The Institute then finds highly qualified recent graduates to live for 24 months in residence in the community. Immersion in the community connects fellows directly with islanders to gain an intimate understanding of island life and to understand the needs and opportunities around the identified project. Fellows are expected to be active participants in their community and bring their own experiences and skills to share.

QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A FELLOW

- An associate, 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

- A strong desire to live and work in a small island or coastal community
- Openness to experience new activities and new ways of thinking
- Flexibility and a strong service ethic
- Self-motivation and the ability to work with minimal supervision
- A sense of adventure and purpose, yet able to thrive in the closeness of a rural community

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- In-community housing, utilities, and internet provided
- \$13.80/hour wage for 35-hour work week
- Paid vacation, holidays, and time off
- Health insurance
- Laptop purchase program
- Island Institute membership
- Professional development through retreats and workshops and Island Institute events
- Networking with other professionals and organizations



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