



Rocky
Mountain
Conservancy

Summer Education Fellowship

Offered annually, mid-April to mid-October

Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO

Organization Description

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy (RMC) promotes stewardship of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) and similar lands through education and philanthropy. Working closely with our partners, the RMC Field Institute offers education and outreach programs for a wide variety of audiences, from children to adults.

Location

Rocky Mountain Conservancy is based in the mountain community of Estes Park, Colorado. Located at an elevation of 7,500 feet and above, summers are warm and sunny, with cooler temperatures higher in the mountains. Fellows should be prepared to work outdoors in weather conditions and temperatures that can vary significantly throughout the day, from hot and sunny to windy and cold at elevation.

Position Summary

Education Fellowships are intended to introduce young adults to careers in nonprofit sectors, environmental education, and the National Park Service. Fellows assist in all aspects of the organization's education and outreach programs and work collaboratively with other Conservancy teams and RMNP staff to support additional organization-wide projects and environmental education opportunities.

Primary Responsibilities

- Develop & lead the Conservancy's general audience environmental education programs, including guided ecology hikes and bus tours, and pop-up programs.
- Collaborate with Conservancy staff and partners on independent projects tailored to the Fellow's interests and skills.
- Cross-train and assist with RMNP programs, including Jr. Ranger HQ, school field trips, and interpretation shifts at visitor centers.
- Support public volunteer opportunities in coordination with RMNP staff.

Desired Skills & Abilities

Education Fellows should have a strong interest in conservation and environmental education careers, specifically with non-profit and public agencies.

Successful Fellows are flexible, organized, self-directed, and comfortable working alone or in a team. They enjoy a dynamic, fast-paced work environment that changes from day to day. Work schedules, locations, and responsibilities will vary throughout the summer and will include evening and weekend hours.

Prior experience leading educational programs and knowledge of Rocky Mountain National Park are helpful but not required.



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Compensation & Housing

- Fellows work 30 to 40 hours each week and receive a stipend for living expenses of \$450 per week, paid biweekly.
- Housing is provided at Rocky Mountain National Park headquarters in one of several facilities. Fellows are housed in double-occupancy rooms, with kitchen and living areas shared by 8 to 12 people.
- Fellows should bring their own bedding and kitchen supplies, including cooking gear and dishes. Cleaning supplies will be provided.
- Fellows should be prepared to provide their own transportation for groceries, personal errands, etc. Public transportation and ride share options are very limited in Estes Park. Downtown Estes Park is approximately 3 miles from park headquarters.

2026 Dates:

- April 18-20 - Arrive in Estes Park and check in to park housing
- April 21 - First day, on-boarding begins
- October 21 - Final day of work and housing check-out

Other Requirements & Information

- Fellows must have a valid driver's license and clean driving record. Fellows must pass a background check prior to selection.
- Fellows must be U.S. citizens or otherwise eligible to work in the United States.
- Fellows will be issued dark blue uniform shirts, jackets, and hats to wear during programs. Fellows will need to provide their own closed-toe shoes (any color) and long pants in a neutral color for programs.
- Fellows are required to hold current Wilderness First Aid and CPR certifications for the duration of their Fellowship. RMC will provide a training reimbursement of up to \$350 with appropriate documentation.
- Weather conditions can vary greatly within Rocky Mountain National Park, and Fellows should arrive in Estes Park prepared with warm layers, rain gear, a day-pack and sturdy footwear suitable for hiking on uneven terrain. Safety gear and other specialty equipment will be provided as necessary.

To Apply:

- Submit your resume and cover letter by email to **opportunity@RMConservancy.org**. *Please include at least 3 professional references with phone numbers and email addresses.*
- Applications are reviewed as they are received. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Interviews begin in December and continue until all positions are filled.
- Questions about the Fellowship should be directed to the Education Manager at 970-586-3262 or education@RMConservancy.org