

Global Sustainability Fellowship

Fall 2019

Description:

The Office of Global Education, in collaboration with Office of Environmental Sustainability, will hire two [Global Sustainability Fellows](#) to research and write about a key environmental issue in their host community during the Fall 2019 semester abroad. The purpose of this position is to cultivate a broad appreciation of the environmental challenges and sustainability strategies adopted by communities with different resources, cultures, and relationships with the natural environment.

Responsibilities:

- Upload 4 posts throughout the semester in response to prompts relating to different aspects of the chosen environmental topic.
- Conduct an interview with one member of the host community and incorporate it into one of the four required posts.
- Complete a photo essay about the topic by the end of the semester.
- Calculate the environmental impact of spending a semester abroad, including the carbon footprint of your travel and lodgings.
- Reflect upon first impressions of the host community, and discuss how you can apply sustainability strategies learned abroad to life at Amherst and beyond.
- Share your findings and reflections with the Amherst community during your first semester back on campus. This may involve presentation to a faculty panel about your experience, a poster session, and/or a social media campaign.

Possible topics include:

- Waste management
- Plastic use
- Food packaging and food waste
- Modes of transportation
- Ecological impacts of tourism
- Impacts from climate change such as sea level rise, droughts, extreme weather events, floods
- Fresh water availability

Note: Students may choose one of the topics listed above, or another topic they feel is the most relevant to the environmental issues faced by their host community. Applications will be evaluated based on the student's proposed topics, as well as factors related to their chosen program that might make it more difficult for them to participate, including the amount of academic work required by their program, the intensity of their travel schedule, and how many obstacles they are likely to encounter from national governments or local community organizations that might object to the publishing of content related to the student's chosen topic.

To apply for this position:

1. Email your resume and cover letter as PDF attachments to Eleah Wilkerson at ewilkerson16@amherst.edu. In your cover letter, tell us why you're interested in being a Global Sustainability Fellow, list at least two topics you'd be interested in writing about while you're abroad, and discuss why these topics are particularly relevant to your host community, town, or city.
2. Respond to the following prompt in 500 words or less: How did you choose your study abroad program and/or location? What sustainability challenges do you anticipate encountering while you're away?

Fellows will be paid \$250 for the semester.

Deadline: June 15, 2019