

FIRST-YEAR MASTERS/PHD BUILT ENVIRONMENT FELLOWSHIP

OVERVIEW

Colorado State University's Institute for the Built Environment (IBE) invites full-time, first-year Masters and PhD students who wish to add a practical, collaborative aspect to their studies to apply for a one-year fellowship position. Fellows will be selected on a competitive basis and will receive a \$2,000 to \$4,000 award, dependent on the candidate pool. Each fellow will be part of an interdisciplinary team, receive professional mentoring, and work with other fellows to develop and publish an applied research brief.

IBE's interdisciplinary approach enriches fellows' exposure to the many facets of sustainability and supports meaningful collaboration between disciplines and departments across campus. A distinguishing outcome of this fellowship will be to publish a professional resource that facilitates real-world application in advancing healthy, thriving built environments.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The one-year fellowship begins in August 2017 and concludes in August 2018. A total award of \$2,000 to \$4,000 will be deposited into fellows' student accounts. The funding level is dependent upon the candidate pool. Successful fellows will earn priority for a competitively-awarded fellowship for the 2018-2019 academic year of up to \$12,000 for tuition, conference attendance, and an IBE assistantship.

The goal of the IBE Fellowship Program is three-fold—to:

- support graduate student success
- prepare students for successful careers after graduation
- further IBE's mission to advance the development of healthy, thriving built environments

Unlike many fellowships, the IBE Fellowship provides the opportunity and support to publish a professional resource that creates real-world impact. Ideal candidates will have theses/projects that align with sustainability in the built environment or sustainability in urban environments.

Fellowship Benefits

In addition to receiving an award of up to \$4,000, fellows will receive priority consideration for a paid IBE internship. IBE will provide mentorship, sustainability skills training, and support in thesis/project direction, professional networking, and job hunting. Fellows will have the unique opportunity to publish a resource that will be included in and promoted by IBE in its portfolio of education and research offerings. IBE will guide fellows to maximize the market relevance of their research. If also selected as an IBE intern (paid \$12.50-\$17.00 per hour), fellows will work on real-world, client-based sustainability projects. These could include initiatives such as managing third-party green certifications, customizing

corporate sustainability programs, facilitating community workshops, helping cities develop new policies, and facilitating applied research teams. A fellowship does not guarantee internship work.

A unique aspect of the fellowship, given IBE's highly collaborative nature, is engagement with a diversity of professions. IBE staff come from an array of backgrounds including architecture, construction management, landscape architecture, interior design, education, sociology, and biology. Staff members hold professional credentials, including LEED, and have experience in such innovative disciplines as regenerative development and biomimicry. IBE has close working relationships with various CSU offices and programs, including the Office of the Vice President for Research, Sociology, Construction Management, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Business, and Natural Resources.

Fellowship Opportunities

Fellows will have the opportunity to collaborate on a team with other fellows to create a resource that translates academic research into an actionable, professional tool. The resource may be a white paper, training guide, handbook, case study, educational resource, policy brief, community report, or another marketable product that meets a pre-identified market demand and is mutually agreed upon with IBE.

To take full advantage of IBE's multidisciplinary and collaborative opportunities, over the course of the year-long fellowship, fellows will have the opportunity to:

- Support other fellows as colleagues
- Serve on IBE's Fellowship Committee and submit a program evaluation to provide strategic input and inform ongoing improvements to the Fellowship Program
- Participate in monthly staff meetings with IBE leadership, fellows, and interns
- Contribute to IBE's blog

QUALIFICATIONS

We seek high-energy individuals who are eager to share their knowledge and learn, able to balance multiple roles and responsibilities, receptive to feedback, and motivated to develop a wide range of skills that may be required of individuals working in the built environment sector. Specific requirements for applicants include the following:

Minimum Qualifications:

- Accept offer of admission to CSU and register as a first-year Masters or PhD student by July 2017 (priority will be given to students who accept by April 30, 2017)
- Strong interest in IBE's mission
- Ability to collaborate with IBE from August 2017 through August 2018, with the potential for ongoing fellowship and internship work thereafter
- Exceptional enthusiasm and commitment to learning
- Ambition and strong ability to take initiative
- Strong interpersonal skills as demonstrated by written and verbal communication, awareness of impact of self on others, and commitment to personal growth and self-reflection
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, team-oriented setting
- Proficiency with MS Excel and Word; experience with PowerPoint

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working on a multidisciplinary team

- Intending to pursue a thesis/project that will benefit from interdisciplinary collaboration and a practical approach aligned with sustainability in the built environment

TO APPLY

To apply for the IBE Fellowship, please send the following to Jen Schill at jen.schill@colostate.edu no later than 11:59 PM MST on April 2, 2017.

- Cover letter that includes:
 - How your research/academic interests align with IBE's mission and activities
 - Overview of your key strengths, both professionally and personally
 - Description of your experience working on multidisciplinary teams
 - What would make you a great addition to the IBE team
- Resume that includes:
 - Previous work experience and current commitments
 - CSU program and relevant courses
 - Three professional and/or academic references
- One writing sample, no longer than three pages (e.g., blog article, report, case study, etc.)

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by April.

ABOUT IBE

The Institute for the Built Environment (IBE) is housed within the College of Health and Human Sciences at Colorado State University (CSU). Our mission is to advance the development of healthy, thriving built environments. We form interdisciplinary teams of off-campus professionals and on-campus faculty and students to take research to practice. Our mentorship program offers experiential education and practical knowledge for students who aspire to be leading sustainability professionals. Students are supported and mentored by senior institute staff and provide professional work products for IBE clients. IBE's Fellowship program is supported by funding awarded through IBE's designation as a CSU [Program of Research and Scholarly Excellence](#). Learn more about our [mentorship program](#).