The deadline for the second round of admission for the Dudley Edmondson Fellowship in Youth Development and Education is coming up on March 18th. Please share this announcement with any students or alumni interested in a career in education and youth development.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ONE YEAR: The Dudley Edmondson Fellowship in Youth Development and Education—15 months—$17,250 stipend plus benefits.

TWO YEARS: University of Washington Master’s In Education With a Focus in Environmental Education and Non-Profit Leadership—27 months—up to $15,000 in tuition waivers plus $2,500-$4,500 DOE each summer in pay.

For more information please read below

MULTICULTURAL FELLOWSHIPS IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

Designed to cultivate diverse leadership in the education and youth development sectors these one and two year fellowships for young adults of color provide an opportunity to develop the talent and tools to make a lasting impact in your community. Each fellowship is designed to provide as much hands on youth work experience as possible while still providing the training and skills in program facilitation and management needed to succeed in the fields of education, youth development and non-profit leadership. If you are looking to be a mentor for young people, to make a difference in a young person’s life and willing to challenge yourself physically and emotionally than this is for you. No experience necessary, a commitment to serving others required.

Each fellowship is coordinated by YMCA BOLD & GOLD Mountain School in partnership with IslandWood—a environmental learning center—and AmeriCorps—a national service program. At BOLD & GOLD we use outdoor experience and challenge to create emotionally and physically safe...
spaces where young people from different backgrounds can communicate and develop to their fullest leadership potential. 50% of our students participate on scholarship and the 40% identify as people of color. For more information see ymcaleadership.org.

Please note that these fellowships have an outdoor component but previous camping experience is not required. Fellowships take place in Seattle, WA.

“My year as a BOLD Fellow was amazing, I learned so much about myself as a leader and a teacher. Coming from New York I never thought I would be climbing mountains or camping in the woods but by the end of my AmeriCorps year I was confident and comfortable, which was a big help when I was taking recent immigrants out on their first trip ever. BOLD also helped me get the skills to land a great job, after finishing my free NOLS course I got the first job I applied for. I highly recommend BOLD to anyone looking to help young people, make a difference and challenge themself.”

-Mick Arieta, Dudley Edmondson Fellow 2010-2011

ONE YEAR FELLOWSHIPS (15 MONTHS)
The Dudley Edmondson Fellowship in Youth Development and Education

The aim of this fellowship is to help a young adult of color develop the project management, teaching, facilitation, leadership, communication, curriculum planning and development, and technical skills needed to thrive in the education, non-profit and youth development sectors through hands on job training and mentorship. In this position you will put ideas into practice as a program coordinator and facilitation specialist working with middle and high school youth in after school programs and summer expeditions. You will help young people get on track for success in high school and college by learning how to challenge themselves physically and emotionally, work with others, set and achieve goals and develop a tolerance for adversity and uncertainty. You will learn to use many mediums to do this including environmental and outdoor education, arts and theater, athletics and many other activities that can help build relationships and push students outside of their comfort zone. Your daily responsibilities will be group work and teaching, volunteer recruitment, program and project management, coordination of after school programs, individual counseling, problem solving, networking and relationship building and goofing off. During the academic year you will be a part of an AmeriCorps team and supported by seasoned staff. By the end of this fellowship you will have the skills and
certifications necessary to not only get a job in a career serving others but have fun and make an impact doing it.

Schedule and Timeline

June-August (3 mo): Your fellowship will start in Seattle in early June. The first three weeks will be intensive trainings in youth work, facilitation and lesson planning, experiential education curriculum and outdoors skills trainings. In July and August you will be leading overnight summer trips with teens from YMCA BOLD and GOLD (75% of time) and providing program support (25%).

September-June (10 mo): Coordinator of afterschool youth development programs for YMCA GOLD or BOLD or other afterschool programas an AmeriCorps member.

July-August (2 mo): Instructor on GOLD or BOLD Mountain School summer trips.

After: Optional nine month paid extension as a youth worker with our international program partner Outward Bound South Africa.

Upon completion of this fellowship you will receive a certificate in Youth Development and Education from the YMCA, Wilderness First Aid and CPR certifications, $4,000 for a NOLS course (National Outdoor Leadership School—nols.edu) of your choice and a $4,500 AmeriCorps education award.

Total living stipend of $17,250. Health insurance, up to $200 EBT, gym and yoga membership and other benefits after 90 days of start date.

TWO YEAR FELLOWSHIPS (27 MONTHS)

University of Washington Master’s In Education With a Focus in Environmental Education and Non-Profit Leadership

This fellowship is for a young adult of color seeking both a graduate degree in education and knowledge of the best practices of environmental, experiential and multicultural education. Resulting from a unique partnership between IslandWood and YMCA BOLD & GOLD this fellowship combines three summers as a paid outdoor educator with two academic years of study. The result is a comprehensive experience that provides you with the skills and knowledge to thrive in a career in education, youth development or non-profit leadership.
Your will begin your study with BOLD or GOLD leading outdoor expeditions for low income youth. In the end of August you will move to Bainbridge Island for a nine month residency at IslandWood, a leading environmental education center that works with predominately low income elementary schools from Seattle. During your residency you will study towards a Master’s in Education from the University of Washington with a focus on either Science Education or Teaching and Curriculum which you will complete the following year at the UW campus in Seattle. See islandwood.org/graduate_program for information about this degree.

An interest in environmental science and outdoor adventure is needed but a prior degree in the natural sciences is not required. Due to the sizable work load found in any graduate program a high tolerance for uncertainty and adversity, the ability to laugh at yourself and a sense of purpose is essential.

This 27 month fellowship is as follows:

**June-August:** Your fellowship will start in Seattle in early June. The first three weeks will be intensive trainings in youth work, facilitation and lesson planning, experiential education curriculum and outdoors skills trainings. In July and August you will be leading overnight summer trips with teens from YMCA BOLD and GOLD (75% of time) and providing program support (25%).

**September-June:** Residency at IslandWood on Bainbridge Island, WA teaching environmental education and studying for a Master’s in Education or Science.

**July-August 2014:** Instructor on GOLD or BOLD Mountain School summer trips.

**September-March:** Two quarters in Seattle at the University of Washington Campus to complete your Masters in Education.

**May-August 2015:** Instructor on GOLD or BOLD Mountain School summer trips.

**After:** Optional nine month paid extension as a youth worker with our international program partners Outward Bound South Africa.

Upon completion of this fellowship you will receive a Master’s in Education from the University of Washington and a $4,000 scholarship for a NOLS course (National Outdoor Leadership School—nols.edu) of your choice.
As a fellow, you will receive a tuition waiver of 35-50% (up to $15,000) off of tuition and room and board and earn $2,500-$4,500 (DOE) each summer as an instructor for BOLD or GOLD. Possible weekend work during the school year with BOLD and GOLD may provide additional income. Due to tuition increases in the last few years (due to state budget cuts) this is only a partial scholarship.

“My experience with B.O.L.D this year has been awesome! I have been able to do so many amazing things that I would not be able to do on my own and learned a lot about myself and what it means to be a part of a team that really cares about its staff and the children they facilitate. Nothing brings me more joy and happiness then seeing a child discovers new things about themselves. This fellowship has allowed me to fulfill my goals of becoming an educator with a masters degree and to educate children in the natural history that is all around the Pacific Northwest. IslandWood is a state of the art facility with friendly staff that make you feel at home and welcomed. I would recommend this program to any graduate that loves nature, being in the outdoors, helping children and youth, meeting amazing people and who wants to experience a new side of themselves.”

- Mashawn Butler, current BOLD&GOLD/IslandWood Fellow

TO APPLY please complete the following:

1) A resume detailing your professional experience.

2) A cover letter no longer than one page single spaced detailing:
   * Why you are interested in youth development and education.
   * What your long term career goals are and why you believe this fellowship will help you get there.
   * Your tolerance for uncertainty and adversity and trying new things (all fellowships include an outdoor adventure component—no experience is required but an ability to try new things and put yourself out there is essential).

3) A picture of one of your favorite goofing off/being silly activities.

And e-mail it with a subject line of “Fellowship Application” to:

Andrew Jay—BOLD & GOLD National Director ajay@seattlemca.org
Admissions is on a rolling basis with three rounds of review:

Early Admission Deadline—February 4th
Priority Deadline—March 18th
Final Deadline—April 29th.

Questions?
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