



**EDGEWOOD COLLEGE**

## **Community Fellowship in Sustainability Leadership**

The Edgewood College Sustainability Leadership Graduate Program invites applicants for our Community Fellowship in Sustainability Leadership for 2016-17. The Community Fellowship provides a unique personal and career development opportunity for professionals with significant prior experience in sustainability leadership who wish to broaden and deepen their skills within a diverse community of learners, scholars, and practitioners promoting change for sustainability.

Community Fellows bring specific interests, expertise, and other resources to the Sustainability Leadership Program; and they participate as teacher/learners, community partners, mentors and servant-leaders in roles that are flexibly and individually designed.

The Community Fellowship strengthens Edgewood's partnerships with businesses and non-profit organizations engaged in sustainability work. In some cases, Fellows are sponsored by an organization that provides financial support or other resources and which benefits from the professional development and community engagement of their participating Fellows. Fellowship spaces are limited to 2-3 per year (cohort).

### **What Community Fellows are expected to bring to the Sustainability Leadership Program:**

- Strong interest in sustainability, and in deepening their own understanding of broad-based sustainability concepts and approaches while engaging with a community of learners who share these interests.
- Expertise in at least one aspect of sustainability, including specific examples/case studies relevant to the program.
- Commitment to supporting the creation and on-going development of a cohort of people engaged collaboratively in developing and implementing sustainability solutions.
- Willingness to participate fully in the academic program (attending classes; completing assignments needed to participate in class discussions and activities; participating in, mentoring, or contributing in other ways to group projects, etc.).

### **What Community Fellows can expect to get from their Community Fellowship:**

- Increased knowledge of and experience in concepts and tools useful for creating sustainable organizations and communities.
- Disciplined reflection on the relationship of personal values, passions, and perceptual and communication styles to career goals.
- An expanded network of colleagues with shared interests.
- Increased access to community resources.
- Increased awareness of community needs, and satisfaction resulting from contributing to projects that address those needs.
- Recognition (including Certificate) for completion of the Edgewood College Community Fellowship in Sustainability Leadership.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Fellows audit the classes of the Program, and receive a Sustainability Leadership Community Fellowship Certificate if they earn the equivalent of a "pass" grade for a student. The college reserves the right to withdraw permission to attend or to audit, if the circumstances in a particular course should make such withdrawal advisable.

## **Program cost**

The 2016-17 program cost for Community Fellows (all-inclusive of course audit fees, resource materials, field trips, meals, resident costs for summer course, etc.) is \$2,950\*. Edgewood College may be able to provide scholarship funds for Community Fellows whose contributions to the Program promise to be exceptional, who do not have a sponsoring organization able to provide appropriate financial support, and who would otherwise be unable to participate.

\*Note that the program cost listed is for the 2016-17 academic year. Tuition rates can be expected to increase by 3-5% annually. Tuition rates for the next academic year are set in March.

## **Fellowship application guidelines:**

1. Fellowship applicants are required to complete the graduate application (available online at <https://www.edgewood.edu/Apply/Graduate>).
2. Submit an essay (2-3 pages) that addresses how the expectations of Fellows (first bulleted list above, “What Community Fellows are expected to bring to the Sustainability Leadership Program”) are met. Send the essay as an attachment to [gps@edgewood.edu](mailto:gps@edgewood.edu).
3. Complete an interview with the program director, Steve Gilchrist. Contact Steve directly to set up an interview.

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