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Community Fellowship in Social Innovation & Sustainability Leadership

The Edgewood College Social Innovation & Sustainability Leadership Graduate Program invites applicants for our Community Fellowship for 2018-19. The Community Fellowship provides a unique personal and career development opportunity for professionals with significant prior experience in social innovation and sustainability leadership who wish to broaden and deepen their skills within a diverse community of learners, scholars, and practitioners promoting change for well-being in communities and organizations. Community Fellows bring specific interests, expertise, and other resources to the Social Innovation & Sustainability Leadership Program and share this with their peers. The Community Fellowship strengthens Edgewood's partnerships with businesses and non-profit organizations engaged in social innovation and sustainability work. Fellows take the 3 courses (SUST 650, SUST 651 and SUST 652) with a cohort of students over the course of 9 months. Fellows take these classes as auditors, so they attend class sessions but do not receive graduate credit or grades for their participation. Fellowship spaces are limited to 2 to 3 per year.

What Community Fellows are expected to bring to the Social Innovation & Sustainability Leadership Program:

- Strong interest in social innovation and sustainability, and in deepening their own understanding while engaging with a community of learners who share these interests.
- Expertise in at least one aspect of social innovation and/or 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 innovative solutions.
- Willingness to participate fully in the academic program (attending classes; completing assignments needed to participate in class discussions and activities; participating in, or contributing in other ways to group projects, etc.).
- Identifying and undertaking a social innovation project.

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

- Increased knowledge of and experience in concepts and tools useful for creating sustainable well-being in organizations and communities.
- Structured reflection on the relationship of personal values, passions, and perceptual and communication styles to professional goals.
- An expanded network of colleagues with shared interests.
- Increased access to community resources.
- Increased awareness of community/organizational needs, and satisfaction resulting from contributing to projects that address those needs.
- Enhanced ability to affect organizational and community change.
- Expanded skills and knowledge as a changemaker and leader.
- Recognition (including Certificate) for completion of the Edgewood College Community Fellowship in Social Innovation & Sustainability Leadership. [1]

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[1] Fellows audit the classes of the Program, and receive a Social Innovation & Sustainability Leadership Community Fellowship Certificate if they earn the equivalent of a "pass" grade. 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 2018-19 program cost for Community Fellows (all-inclusive of course audit tuition and course fees for the three 600-level courses that make up the Graduate Certificate including SUST 650, SUST 651 and SUST 652) is $3,470. Tuition is based on $185 per credit and course fees which include books, meals, resources, and field trips.

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.
3. Complete an interview with the program director, Steve Gilchrist. Contact Steve directly to set up an interview.

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