



Call for Applicants

The *Wilderness Program* at UWC-USA invites applications for our 2020 Fellowship Program, which will bring those starting out in a career in outdoor education to the UWC-USA campus in Montezuma, New Mexico. UWC-USA is a 2-year residential school with a diverse student population representing over 90 different countries. We are seeking a fellow who represents our diverse student body and strongly encourage applicants from under represented communities in the outdoors. As a program we welcome individuals from every nation, racial and ethnic group, socioeconomic and political background. Our effectiveness as a program is based on building community in the wilderness that embodies diversity in all its forms.

Fellows will gain experience working directly with the wilderness program co-directors in logistical planning, risk management analysis, and trip leading. Fellows will share from their areas of expertise both formally and informally, and work with students in small groups. Fellows will evenly split their time between leading students in the field, administrative tasks, and preparing trip logistics.

As part of the fellowship program, Fellows will be expected to:

- Reside at UWC-USA for three months: August - October
- Participate on all overnight backpacking trips throughout the fall as an instructor in training
- Lead day hikes to local trailheads
- Assist in logistical preparation for all trips (including paperwork, food and gear issue and de-issue, and driving to trailheads)
- Engage formally/informally with experiential education department and residential life
- Assist with Wilderness ExEd program to introduce students to campus trails
- Plan and run an outdoor workshop series based on area of personal interest & skill
- Participate, as needed, in other initiatives of the Wilderness Program

Trips for Fall 2020

Leadership Expedition August 10-17 (tentative dates)

- Separate contract, expected to co-lead

Wilderness Workshop Series

- Fellow will lead 4 day excursions in an area of interest (ex- canoeing, mountain biking, day hikes, climbing)
- 4 Saturdays (8/28, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19)

Orientation Backpacking Trips

- Lead the trip with the assistance of 2 second year wilderness leaders. Trips are 3 days in length
- Separate contract, expected to lead instruct

Preferred Qualifications

- A current WFR (Wilderness First Responder) certification and CPR/AED certification.
- Fluency with Leave No Trace principles and a strong wilderness preservation ethic.
- Experience traveling in the backcountry, including at elevations above 10,000 feet, and on trips of at least 5 days.
- Experience and a desire to develop expertise in assessing and managing backcountry terrain and hazards; backcountry risk-management, including lightning, rockfall, river crossings, and map & compass navigation on- and off-trail.

Applications for the 2020 academic year (August 2020 to October 2020) are accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Applications should include the following:

- A detailed resume
- A statement of interest that elaborates on:
 - experience or desire to work with diverse student populations and gain experience in pre-trip administrative support and leading novices in the backcountry
- The contact information for three references

Wilderness Fellows will be provided with a stipend in addition to lodging and food.

While we welcome applicants from within and outside the United States and will support the Fellow with all the necessary paperwork for a B-1 visa, international applicants will have to bear the costs for the visa process. Furthermore, while all living/transport costs will be offered to international Fellows as well, we are unable to offer a stipend to non-US-resident/citizen Fellows due to B-1 visa regulations.

Please send application materials and queries to rachel.fristedt@uwc-usa.org