

Call for Applicants

The *Wilderness Program* at UWC-USA invites applications for our 2019 Fellowship Program, which will bring recent graduates or 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 strongly encourage applicants from under represented communities in the outdoors to apply. 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 5th- October 31st
- Participate on all overnight backpacking trips throughout the fall as an instructor in training
- Lead day hikes for students who are preparing for a five day long Grand Canyon backpacking trip
- Assist in logistical preparation for all trips (including paperwork, food and gear issue and de-issue, and driving to trailheads)
- Assist with Wilderness Ex Ed program to introduce students to campus trails
- Participate, as needed, in other initiatives of the Wilderness Program

Backpacking Trips for Fall 2019

August 11-15 Pre-Orientation trip

- Fellow will co-lead a 4-day backpacking trip to the Pecos Wilderness.

Grand Canyon Training Hikes

- Fellow will lead three day hikes to local trailheads. Fellow will be one of three instructors leading the hikes and will have 10-12 students in their hiking group.
- Training hike dates: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5

Grand Canyon Backpacking Trip 10/12- 10/19

- Fellow will co-lead the trip with a wilderness instructor. Trips length may vary from 3-5 days of backpacking depending on permits.

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 2019 academic year (August 2019 to October 2019) 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 \$2500 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
