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MULTICULTURAL FELLOWSHIPS
IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



DUDLEY EDMONDSON FELLOWSHIP

Designed to cultivate diverse leadership in the experiential and environmental education fields, this fellowship is a path for young adults from under-represented backgrounds into the outdoor industry. We want to give educators of color an opportunity to develop the talent and tools to make a lasting impact in your community. **If you are looking to make a difference in a young person's life, are willing to challenge yourself physically and emotionally, and are excited about being part of a growing movement then this is for you.**

Please note that the fellowship **uses extended outdoor experiences to reach our goal of empowering young people** and facilitating life-changing experiences. While previous outdoor experience is encouraged, it is not required. You will have the opportunity to learn, practice and develop these skills while shaping your one unique style of creative leadership.

The fellowship program is coordinated by the YMCA Boys & Girls Outdoor Leadership Development (BOLD & GOLD) program in partnership with IslandWood, a nationally recognized center for experiential education, and AmeriCorps, a national service program.

Benefits

Wilderness First Aid & CPR certifications, opportunity to apply for a \$4,000 Scholarship with National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), YMCA membership. \$75-\$125 (depending on experience) and use of all needed equipment and gear during the summer.

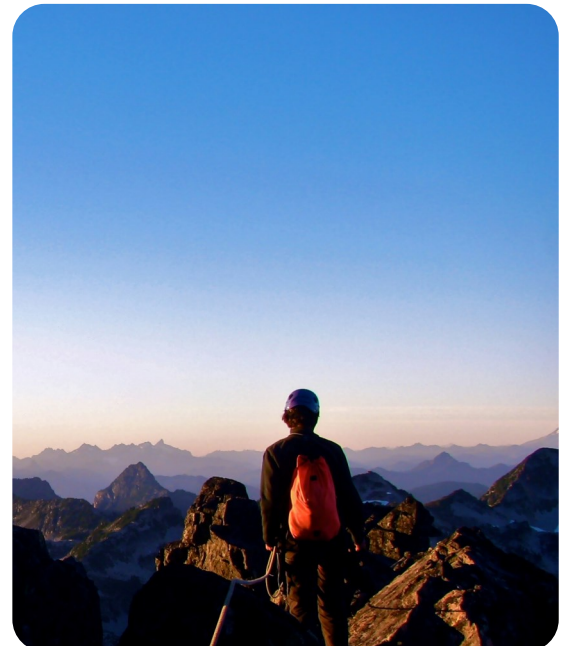
About BOLD & GOLD

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. Our 1,2, and 3 week programs feature curriculum designed to inspire compassion, courage, emotional intelligence, community awareness, and wonder while fostering a sense of empowerment and equality.

Over 65% of our participants receive some form of financial assistance and many are awarded a scholarship valued at 95% of the cost. In 2016 we served over 1000 young people, 46% of whom, identified as people of color. For more information see ymcaleadership.org.

"My year as a Fellow was amazing, I learned so much about myself as a leader and a teacher. BOLD also helped me get the skills to land a great job, I got the first job I applied for. I highly recommend it to anyone looking to help young people, make a difference and challenge themselves."

-Mick Arieta,
Dudley Edmondson Fellow
2010-2011



OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE

This 15 month Seattle, WA based program consists of 3 sections: 2 summers and a 9-10.5 month school-year "track".

First Summer: Your fellowship will start in Seattle in early June. The first 3 weeks will be intensive trainings in facilitation, experiential education curriculum, and outdoors skills. Additionally, you will receive a Wilderness First Aid and CPR certification. These trainings will prepare you for leading overnight outdoor summer expeditions. From late June through the end of August you will have the opportunity to facilitate 1-3 week expeditions for 9-12 youth. These trips focus on developing courage, confidence, community awareness, emotional intelligence, leadership, and technical outdoor skills.

School-Year Tracks: There are three paths you can choose from with the Dudley Edmondson Fellowship. You have the choice to pursue a service term with AmeriCorps, a graduate degree in education from the University of Washington in partnership with Islandwood, or two seasons of Outdoor Environmental Education at a Greater Seattle YMCA camp. Please see below for more information on the different tracks.

Second Summer: During your second summer you will be working as an instructor on 1-3 week expeditions, mentoring incoming Fellowship members, having a greater hand in designing curriculum, and broadening your impact with youth in the outdoors. You will gain more responsibility and knowledge as you progress through your second summer.

FELLOWSHIP TRACKS

AmeriCorps: 10.5 month service term designed to address critical community needs in education, health, and the environment. This track is designed to give you hands-on experience and training. Example placements include YMCA Earth Service Corps or at a YMCA Branch. During the 10.5 month service term you receive health coverage, \$1100 monthly stipend, bus pass, training. And a \$5,500 Education award upon successful completion of service. See <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri corps> for information. You must apply to the Americorps site and pass a federal background check.

Islandwood: University of Washington Master's In Education with a focus in Science Education or Teaching and Curriculum. This track is for those seeking both a graduate degree in education and knowledge of the best practices of environmental, experiential and multicultural education. You will be given a scholarship of \$10,000 from Islandwood which covers roughly 50% of tuition. The waiver does not apply to the courses taken at the University of Washington. You will be based on Bainbridge Island for a nine month residency at IslandWood, working with Seattle area elementary schools. See islandwood.org/graduate_program for more information. You must apply and be admitted into the Islandwood program to qualify.

For more Information: <https://islandwood.org/graduate-programs/islandwood>

Camp Track: Immersive experience in the Seattle Camping and Outdoor Leadership branch. During spring and fall you will be part of a team of environmental education instructors living and working at Camp Colman or Camp Orkilla. Responsibilities include teaching interesting courses such as marine and forest ecology and facilitating group development and challenge course activities. During the winter you will work with the Branch Office learning the behind the scene skills needed to run a successful program. You will get the chance to assist in recruiting youth from diverse background, lead exciting snowshoe adventures, and have a wide variety of other opportunities based on interest and skill.



“Not only did my year as a Fellow introduce me to the world of outdoor adventures, the program helped me realize my passion and talent for youth development. After completing the program I feel extremely confident in my ability to lead, mentor, and inspire youth on outdoor trips. I’d highly recommend the fellowship for anyone who’s serious about outdoor leadership ”

Tyrell Dozier, 2015-2016 Dudley Edmondson Fellow



DUDLEY EDMONDSON

Dudley is the author of the landmark book, “Black & Brown Faces in America’s Wild Places,” profiling African Americans in nontraditional vocations and avocations in the outdoors. Edmondson also contributes to newspapers and magazines and lectures regularly about diversity in the outdoors.

A long-time volunteer with BOLD & GOLD, Dudley is committed to helping diverse groups of young people enjoy the outdoors.



HOW TO APPLY:

E-mail a resume with your professional experience and a cover letter detailing:

- * Why you are interested in working with youth.
- * What your career goals are and how this fellowship will help you get there.
- * Your tolerance for uncertainty and adversity and trying new things.
- * Why you believe diversity in the outdoors is important.
- * Your experience with outdoor activities and the environment.

Send materials to jepstein@seattlemca.org

Qualified applicants will be notified and advanced to the next round which includes an interview. Admissions are on a rolling basis beginning **December 1st**. For program or admissions questions please email us or give us a call at 206 922 3402. We would love to talk with you!