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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 for young adults of color provides 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 developing 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.

"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

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.



OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE

This 15-month Seattle, WA based program consists of 3 sections: 2 summers and 1 school year "track":

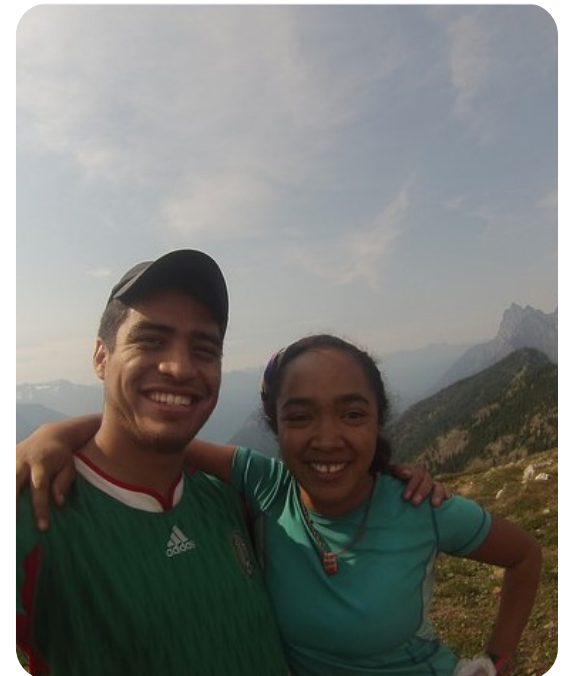
First Summer: Your fellowship will start in Seattle in early June. The first three weeks will be intensive trainings in facilitation, experiential education curriculum, and outdoors skills. Additionally, you will receive a Wilderness First Aid and CPR certifications. These trainings will prepare you for leading overnight outdoor summer expeditions. From late June through the end of August you will have the opportunity to help 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. 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 you second summer.

Benefits

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



FELLOWSHIP TRACKS

AmeriCorps: A 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. Possible placements include BOLD/GOLD, Camp Orkila, a YMCA branch, YMCA Earth Service Corps, or local youth serving organizations. You must apply and pass a federal background check for this track.

For more information: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps>

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 based on Bainbridge Island for a nine month residency at IslandWood, working with Seattle area elementary schools. 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 Orkila. 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
Dudley Edmondson Fellow
2015-2016



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 campinfo@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 206 382 5009. We would love to talk with you!