

# PASSIONATE ABOUT CONSERVATION?

*Are you interested in learning about and participating in conservation governance, strategy, and collaboration with The Nature Conservancy?*

*The Nature Conservancy's Michigan Board of Trustees is recruiting a graduate student to serve as a Trustee Fellow.*

In 2018, The Nature Conservancy's Michigan Board of Trustees created a graduate student Trustee Fellows program to enrich and diversify our leadership in Michigan. Trustee Fellows are contributing members of our board, bringing diverse viewpoints and expertise to our deliberations, while serving as liaisons to connect our work with applied, interdisciplinary perspectives. The Trustee Fellows program also aims to contribute to the leadership development of emerging leaders in conservation. We are currently recruiting for a Trustee Fellow from the University of Michigan for a two-year, 2021-2022, term.

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

- As a Trustee Fellow, you are expected to contribute your viewpoints, knowledge, and expertise to the full range of the Conservancy's work, including projects in science, applied conservation, policy, partnerships, communications, and strategic engagement initiatives.
- Depending on the alignment of the Trustee Fellows' area of studies and alignment with TNC work, opportunities may be available for Trustee Fellows to engage in original research, communications initiatives such as writing blogs, media interviews, and strategic engagement, or partnership initiatives.
- We welcome and encourage applications from students in underrepresented groups.

## **POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Attend and actively contribute your viewpoint at quarterly board meetings during the two-year term.
- Collaborate with TNC leadership and Michigan community and business leaders in trustee communications and work groups.
- Opportunity to participate in TNC Volunteer Leadership Summit and Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C.

## **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Graduate student with interest in conservation and environmental policy.
- Expertise at the intersection of natural and social systems.
- Strong communication skills, ability to think strategically, and contribute creative solutions.
- Alignment with TNC's values of collaboration, integrity, and diversity in pursuit of our mission to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends; and our vision of a world where the diversity of life thrives, and people act to conserve nature for its own sake and its ability to fulfill our needs and enrich our lives.

**If you are interested in applying, please send your resume/CV and letter of interest to Helen Taylor, state director, at [htaylor@tnc.org](mailto:htaylor@tnc.org) by December 15, 2020.**

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