

Bard Summer Science Intensive Fellow

The Institute for International Liberal Education (IILE) seeks 1-2 students to serve as Fellows for the 2020 Bard Summer Science Intensive (BSSI). BSSI is a four-week intensive course for 12-14 students from Smolny College in St. Petersburg, Russia. This program is designed to provide these visiting students with opportunities to explore an environmental topic from a scientific perspective in tandem with English instruction to support vocabulary and language development. The 2020 program will focus on the interdisciplinary theme of water. Students selected as BSSI Fellows will gain valuable experience in the preparation and teaching of science labs as well as leadership skills. Students from **ANY** academic discipline are eligible to apply.

During the 2020 program, Bard's campus and the Hudson Valley will be used as a living classroom and laboratory. Students will engage in hands-on activities such as water sampling, lab work, site visits, and stream walks. Classroom instruction, guest lectures, and instructional field trips will be supplemented with opportunities for community engagement. In addition, students will participate in outdoor activities (e.g., canoeing, hiking, sightseeing) and cultural programs. BSSI Fellows will help to facilitate all aspects of the program by providing educational and logistical support while serving as a peer mentor and activities coordinator.

Job Responsibilities

- Assist Instructors with the preparation of laboratory and classroom space and materials
- Support classroom instruction by serving as a teaching assistant in the classroom, field, and lab
- Organize and participate in excursions and be comfortable using authority when required
- Collaborate with Bard students and departments to create a comfortable and friendly environment
- Coordinate social activities as needed or desired, in accordance with all Bard and BSSI policies
- Facilitate cross-cultural communication through active engagement with students
- Foster English language development skills through regular tutoring sessions
- Report to the BSSI Director and Instructors and perform additional administrative duties as needed
- Live on campus and assist students with their adjustment to life at Bard and after hours issues or emergencies

Evening and weekend hours are required. In addition to the above responsibilities, Peer Mentors must be a Bard driver (or willing to become one before the start of the program), must be comfortable driving Bard vans on highways, and must have a clean driving record. We are looking for Fellows who are well organized, detail-oriented, and familiar with Bard resources. Fellows should be willing and able to support and encourage BSSI students to fully engage in all program activities. Candidates for this position should be self-motivated with a positive attitude while displaying a willingness to develop relationships with BSSI students as a role model and advocate. Preference will be given to applicants whose experience with/attitude towards science and civic engagement can enhance the learning experience for BSSI students.

Dates

BSSI Fellows will ideally be available to begin work on Wednesday, July 1st for training and to help prepare for the start of the program. Students should anticipate working approximately 35 hours per week during the month of July. The BSSI program begins Thursday, July 30th and ends on August 27th, 2020.

Compensation

Each Fellow will receive a \$1,500 stipend in payment for his or her services during the BSSI program. In addition, they will receive accommodations in Bard dormitories and limited board for the duration of the 4-week program during the month of August. Prior to Thursday, July 30th, Fellows will be paid hourly at the standard student worker rate.

Application Requirements

Complete applications must consist of a cover letter illustrating your interest in the position and the skills and ideas you would bring to the program, a resume detailing your relevant experience or coursework, and contact information for two references (at least one should be a member of the Bard community). Applications should be submitted electronically, as a single PDF, to bssi@bard.edu. Materials received by Friday, April 5th will be given full consideration.