

Barnum Conservation Policy Fellow

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) is now accepting fellowship applications for the upcoming academic semester to serve as the Barnum Conservation Policy Fellow. MUCC is a non-profit member-based organization with more than 200 affiliated clubs and 40,000 members. Since 1937, MUCC has *United Citizens to Conserve, Protect and Enhance Michigan's Natural Resources and Our Outdoor Heritage* through education, communication and advocacy. The late Dean Oliver Barnum was a life member of MUCC, lifelong hunter and conservationist and a government professor.

Applicants can expect to gain diverse experience working for a non-profit entity that is fully dedicated to conservation of Michigan's natural resources and the enhancement and preservation of our recreational pastimes. Additionally, the MUCC Policy Fellow will be directly engaged in the day-to-day legislative, regulatory and grassroots communication-related advocacy efforts of the organization.

Primary responsibilities will include the following:

- Researching and tracking policy issues related to the mission of MUCC
- Attending Michigan legislative committee hearings and sessions at the State Capitol (Fall/Spring)
- Preparing legislative analysis documents for MUCC staff
- Attending Monthly Natural Resource Commission (NRC) Meetings
- Attending MUCC's Annual Convention
- Preparing NRC analysis and communication materials
- Writing news updates for *MUCC's Conservation Insider* e-newsletter and MUCC.org news blog stories
- Assisting staff in the drafting of press releases and similar media announcements
- Assisting staff to plan and facilitate special membership and fundraising events (Spring/Summer)
- Clerical assistance

Applicants must possess excellent communication skills and an intermediate understanding of computers for word processing and web-based research. All academic majors may apply, however, applicants studying political science, journalism, fisheries & wildlife, forestry, community sustainability, communications, public relations, or any combination are encouraged to apply. While not required, applicants should have some working knowledge about hunting, fishing, trapping and/or general outdoor recreation.

Part-Time: This fellowship is on a part-time basis during the Fall academic semester (August-December). Continuation of the fellowship may continue past December on a mutually agreed-upon basis. Fellows are expected to work at the Lansing office 10-20 hours per week on a set schedule, some evening or weekend work may be required. Fellows will be paid the State of Michigan minimum wage. This position is part-time and not eligible for benefits.

How to apply: Please send a resume and cover letter, to jtomei@mucc.org.

Closing Date: Posting will close on March 29, 2024 or when the position is filled.