

SIILK Network Fellowship Program

“Sustainable & Impact Investing Learning and Knowledge”

The Intentional Endowments Network (IEN) coordinates the SIILK Network, which brings together stakeholders including students, faculty, administrators, trustees, and financial professionals on campuses across the country, involved with student managed sustainable investing funds and sustainable investing curriculum development. Participants share best practices, resources, curricula and undertake other activities to support sustainable investing education.

A component of this work is offering a one-year fellowship to support education and professional development for exceptional students through an internship with IEN, academic project work, mentorship, training, and support. The fellowship program aims to engage students with diverse backgrounds and experiences, including students of color and low-income students.

Fellowship Overview & Term

Fellowships take place over a 12-month period, with fellows working:

- 5-10 hours per week from January-May,
- 40 hours per week from June-August,
- and 5-10 hours per week from September-December¹.

Fellows will receive an \$8,000 honorarium and extensive opportunities to connect with experts in the sustainable investing field, attend industry forums, and access educational opportunities. The main components of the fellowship are project-based learning, training, support, and a formal mentorship program.

Project Based Learning: Fellows will work with IEN Staff to develop a project proposal and work plan based on current Network priorities and the fellow's expertise and interest. The leadership and implementation of this project will be the cornerstone of the fellow's internship.

Dedicated Mentor: Fellows will be matched up with an expert from the sustainable investing industry, providing fellows with access to real-world expertise and building their professional networks. Mentors will help fellows develop a set of tangible and feasible goals that leverage their expertise and offer ongoing support and guidance to the fellow, both in relation to their Fellowship project and professional goals beyond

¹ Students in the final year of their degree program may be eligible for a customized fellowship schedule.

the fellowship. Mentors will connect with fellows approximately once a month over the term of the project.

Training and Support: Fellows will also participate in a one-day training at the beginning of the program to build knowledge on theories of change, sustainability frameworks, basic sustainable investing knowledge, and professionalism and workplace skills. Fellows will participate in quarterly meetings focused on project check-ins and continued education; and have the opportunity to attend events, webinars, and working group meetings hosted by IEN and partner organizations.

Selection & Eligibility

In order to apply for the fellowship program, students must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program with a demonstrated interest in pursuing or advancing a career in sustainable investing.

The fellowship program runs from January – December, 2019, and requires an average commitment of 5-10 hours a week from January-May and September-December, and 40 hours a week from June-August.

The fellowship program aims to specifically engage students of color, low-income students, and students with diverse backgrounds and experiences; with the goal of creating a more diverse pipeline of finance professionals with a solid grasp on sustainable investing.

Applications are Due November 30th, 2018, and are [available here](#). For more information, contact Nicole Torrico at nicole@intentionalendowments.org

About the Intentional Endowments Network

IEN is a non-profit, peer-learning network that supports colleges and universities as they seek to enhance financial performance by aligning investments with institutional mission, values, and sustainability goals. IEN provides this support through education, peer networking, convening, thought-leadership and information exchange around a variety of sustainable investing strategies such as ESG integration, impact investing, and shareholder engagement.