

STOP Fellowship Announcement 2022



Informational Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Mc3rBmpO_Q

Apply: by September 1st for priority consideration: bit.ly/STOPapply

Applications accepting on a rolling basis until 6 positions are filled

Payment

Students will be paid **\$18/hr for 5 hrs/week for 24 weeks**, 12 weeks each semester, for **a total payment of \$2,160.00 dispersed every two weeks in payments of \$180.00**. This payment is given to the student through direct deposit. Additionally, students are given access to a \$500 tech stipend to pay for materials needed to organize. Students will also have access to additional project grants throughout the semester, as well as access to free events, and community partnerships. *Students are not expected to pay for any organizing materials out of pocket.*

About the Fellowship

Since its creation in 2020, the STOP Fellowship has supported 12 students (6 each year) to organize over 1,200 hours in the Ohio River Valley. These students have received over 300 hours of direct advising through PLAN. Though each cohort is made up of only 6 students per year, their respective campuses receive [PLAN membership](#) which provides mentorship, thousands of pages of programmatic manuals, and trainings and events to every single student at these schools. In total, PLAN has reached over **147,550 students** in the Ohio River Valley since the STOP program was founded in 2020. Organizing at the level of higher education represents a critical intervention that social movements have utilized for decades; they are often pillars of the community and raise leaders of the next generation. It's important that these leaders are poised to challenge the belief, perpetuated by fossil fuel corporations, that our future involves continued reliance on these limited resources.

Overview of the position

This organizing fellowship is for college students in the Appalachian Region & Ohio River Valley; **priority consideration given to students that come from frontline communities, marginalized identities, and students that attend schools near frontline communities**. Fall semester is spent working on training & skill development, while spring is focused on creating change on your home campus. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all 6 positions are filled with priority given to applications submitted before September; interviews will take place between September 1 through 5th and students will start September 12.



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Testimonial:

"The STOP program itself has allowed me to collaborate with fellow passionate organizers and get guidance on how to best make change at my campus. I am excited to continue using the skills I have learned through STOP to make systematic change in the world." - STOP 21/22 Fellow

Required Skills:

- At this time, fellows **must be attending a continued-education institution** such as: technical schools, community colleges, 4 year colleges & universities, and graduate schools. The school must have a physical location in PA, OH, KY, TN, or WV even if the student themselves is remote.
- Self-starter energy with the eagerness to learn, ability to self manage
- Willingness to collaborate with a variety of folks of different backgrounds including: regional schools, community organizers, and other organizers.
- Familiarity with online organizing, zoom, google hang, & similar.
- Dedication to personal growth and unlearning oppressive systems and behaviors.

Preferred Skills:

- Previously organizing experience on your campus (clubs, student gov't, etc.)
- Relationships with your greater campus community
- Familiarity with social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- Understanding of the intersections of social & environmental justice
- Basic understanding of the Linear Consumption Economy, Environmental Justice, and Single-Use Plastics (bonus Petrochemical/Plastic connection familiarity)

About the Post-Landfill Action Network

The Post-Landfill Action Network (PLAN) cultivates, educates, and inspires the Student-Led Zero Waste Movement. We inform students about the Waste Crisis and equip them with the necessary skills and resources to implement zero waste solutions in their campus communities. We empower our generation to be changemakers.

About People Over Petro Coalition:

POPCO is a member-driven coalition working to reverse the expansion of the petrochemical industry in the Appalachian Basin and encourage a clean, renewable, and regenerative economic foundation.

Questions?

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