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**GPSEN Fellowship Proposal**

GPSEN connects diverse organizations across the greater Portland region in a collaborative network that multiplies our collective capacity to educate for a more sustainable future.

The GPSEN Fellow Program is a regional network of professionals who are interested in advancing sustainability education in their work and in the community. Beyond an internship or graduate studies, these professionals are experts in their fields and, generally, are unaffiliated with an academic institution. Our sponsorship offers them a professional title, a sustainability education network, a fiscal sponsor for grants, a research home within our Think Tank, and an opportunity for presentations at events and our annual Symposium.

GPSEN Fellows offer diverse expertise to increase our collective impact in areas of sustainability research, teaching, and/or applied learning within the greater Portland region and beyond. Each Fellow brings his or her research background, areas of interest, and goals for advanced research or community engagement that advance sustainable development topics. Per their work, research findings can help develop sustainability-related curriculum, trainings, event-planning, and/or advising strategic policies or actions.

There are twenty-nine colleges and universities and twenty K–12 school districts, within the greater Portland region. This network offers an array of talent and innovation in ESD research and practices. The challenge is connecting the various sustainability education efforts and providing a home where they can thrive. This offers an opportunity to coalesce and support individuals from different organizations, disciplines, and sectors, with varying experiences, diverse ideas, and limited resources, who can improve the effectiveness, rigor, and reach of local efforts to deliver education for sustainable development to our community and beyond.

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| **Contact Information** |
| **Name:** |
| **Address:**  |
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| **Academic Background** |
| **Title/Degrees:** |
| Briefly describe your area(s) of sustainability-related research, teaching, and/or community engagement projects. |

**Fellowship Overview**

Why you are interested in being a GPSEN Fellow?

I would like to offer the following benefits to GPSEN (check all that apply):

* Developing sustainability-related curriculum
* Developing a sustainability-related research project
* Helping to plan an event
* Advising GPSEN on strategic policies and actions
* Serving on a working group and/or committee
* Networking and/or participating in the GPSEN Think Tank with other Fellows
* Other:

**Describe position, with focus, activities, and timeline.**

Example: Working 6 hours per week with a 50/50 split between curriculum and development. I would like to attend board meetings and advise the governance committee. I would like to help develop an event that aligns with my expertise, to share with the Portland region, in [month].

*Primary Outcomes/Learning Objectives:*

*Specific activities:*

*Timeline to achieve objectives:*

*Number of proposed monthly hours:*

I would like to continue my commitment to GPSEN through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[date].

**Benefits of Fellowship**

While I understand that GPSEN is not able to provide stipends at this time, I would like to receive the following benefits (check all that apply):

* Participation in GPSEN community
* Discounted rates at GPSEN events
* Event-planning support
* Networking through GPSEN and partner connections
* Collaborate on research and international work
* Project and program development support
* Receive letters of support for grants, projects & initiatives
* Opportunities to co-sponsor GPSEN events
* Training and professional development opportunities
* Possible funding to achieve my objectives. Proposed budget:
* Other:

Please share any additional comments or information for consideration.

For additional questions, please email contact@gpsen.org.

**Signature:**

I verify that the information shared is true and request review of my proposal to become a GPSEN Fellow.

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Signature Date

Submit application to GPSEN Coordinator Neeraja Havaligi, at [diversityoflife@gmail.com](diversityoflife%40gmail.com).

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