



Corazón Latino & Housatonic Valley Association 2021 Summer Fellowship Position



[Corazón Latino](#) and the [Housatonic Valley Association \(HVA\)](#) are seeking applicants for a Summer Fellowship position, based out of Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut. This position will require regular weekend work. The duration of the Fellowship will be a minimum of 12 weeks and will not exceed 14 weeks, beginning in mid-June and ending in mid-September. **(Please note that start and end dates can be flexible for the right candidate!)**

The Fellow will work with staff members from both organizations on two main initiatives:

1. HVA'S River Information & Outreach (RIO) program
2. Community Engagement in Danbury, CT

RIO Program

In 2018, HVA launched the RIO program as a response to increasing visitor density at non-state/ non-federal Housatonic River access sites in northwest Connecticut. These sites have fewer amenities in place and dense crowds can contribute to litter and erosion. The overall goal of the RIO program is to encourage and support Housatonic River recreation that protects the environmental health of the Housatonic watershed, and that is equitable, inclusive, welcoming, and safe.

The Fellow will work alongside 3 other RIO Stewards, traveling in pairs among popular Housatonic River access sites (see map) each Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. At each site, they will engage with site visitors with the goal of encouraging sustainable site use, in order to avoid temporary site closures. The Fellow and RIO Stewards will also collect data on visitor use, throughout the summer.



Community Engagement in Danbury

The Fellow will also work with Corazón Latino to develop and conduct extensive community outreach, and work collaboratively to recruit and connect with diverse communities in Danbury, with a focus on Latino families. This work will involve creating culturally meaningful multilingual outreach strategies and materials, and coordinating at least 3 community events throughout the summer. Community events will be scheduled to highlight and celebrate the following: Pollinator Week (June 21-27), National Forests Week (July 14-20), and Latino Conservation week (July 17-25)

Other Details

The Fellow will be jointly supervised by Corazón Latino staff and HVA Project Managers. The work will be approximately 50% field based (RIO program), 30% office-based, and 20% on-the-ground community work in Danbury. RIO program tasks will be based out of HVA's Cornwall Bridge, CT office, other work will be done remotely, or in Danbury. The Fellow will have the opportunity to participate in both HVA and Corazón Latino staff and partner meetings, team-building events, and networking and professional development opportunities.

Qualifications: This position would be a great fit for someone interested in environmental justice, conservation, outdoor recreation, environmental education, and/or the human dimensions of natural resource management.

The ideal candidate will possess:

- Fluency in Spanish (strongly preferred);
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Ability to approach and engage with strangers;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team;
- Experience designing outreach materials;
- Experience in content creation for social networking platforms;
- Familiarity with the Danbury (CT) area;
- Multi-cultural or cross-cultural experience.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Requirements: *Daily access to a reliable personal vehicle is a requirement of the position (HVA does not have a field vehicle, so all field work will be done in personal cars with mileage reimbursements.)*

Compensation: The Fellow will be compensated at a rate of \$15/hour for approximately 35 hours per week, for the course of the internship. Personal vehicle mileage will be compensated at a rate of \$0.48/mile. Housing is not provided.

Application Procedure: Interested candidates should submit the following materials via email (ideally as a single PDF, titled “[YourLastName]_Fellowship”):

1. **COVER LETTER** explaining your interest and qualifications
2. **RESUME**
3. **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TWO (2) REFERENCES**

Deadline: May 28th, 2021

Questions and applications should be directed to:

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