



STEVENSON CENTER

FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Illinois State University

Host Organization Application

ACED Fellow Professional Practice Placement

11 months at 35 hours/week

2027 HOST ORGANIZATION APPLICATION

Application Deadline: January 25, 2027

Host Organization Financial Commitment: \$34,035.00

Application Overview

Program Overview

Please complete this Host Organization Application if you wish to host a Peace Corps Fellow/Applied Community and Economic Development Fellow for 11 months, serving 35 hours per week. Non-profit agencies, non-governmental organizations, economic development groups, educational institutions, rural communities, governments or departments/agencies, and private companies with a clear Community Development lens may apply.

Graduate students in these programs are completing the Applied Community and Economic Development sequence in master's degree programs in Economics, Kinesiology & Recreation, Politics & Government, Sociology, and Anthropology. Fellows come from varied backgrounds, identities, experiences, and perspectives.

Selection Process

- Capacity of the host organization to support and work with the Fellow.
- Defined projects for the Fellow.
- Cohesion between Fellows' academic/professional goals and the host organization's ability to provide enriching opportunities.
- A plan for continuing development projects after the Fellow's assignment ends.
- A financial commitment of \$34,035.00 to support the student.

Application Deadline & Contact

Applications are due January 25, 2027. Please contact the Stevenson Center Program Coordinator as early as possible to discuss your plans to apply.

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1. Host Organization Information

Organization

Address

Contact Person / Title

Phone		Email	

Prospective Supervisor / Title (if different)

Supervisor Phone		Supervisor Email	

Organization Website

Organization Description

Briefly describe your organization. What are your primary programs and services, and how do they impact your community or target audience?

2. Meaningful Learning Experience

Explain how your organization would provide a meaningful learning experience to a Fellow. What would a graduate student learn while working with you?

3. Strategic or Development Plan

A. Does your organization have a strategic plan or development plan? If yes, briefly describe how and when the plan was created.

B. Top Five Goals

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Optional: Note any strategic plan or supplemental documentation you intend to attach.

4. Possible Projects for a Fellow

Briefly describe up to three potential projects for a Fellow. For each project, indicate (1) how your organization would work with the Fellow to complete the project and (2) how the project is consistent with your plan.

Project 1

Project 2

Project 3

5. Budget for the Fellows Program

Unless you explicitly state otherwise, by completing this section you are confirming that sufficient resources to host a student are available/committed for this purpose. Funding must be secure.

Host Organization's Financial Commitment: \$34,035.00

(Paid to Illinois State Graduate School for Fellow's scholarship and program expenses.)

Funding Source

Is this financial commitment dependent upon grant funding and/or Board approval? (Yes/No)

Are the funds/approval currently secure? (Yes/No)

If funds and/or approval are not secure currently, by when will you know whether they are secure?

Resources Provided

Resource	Yes	No	N/A
Travel (mileage reimbursement @ ___/mile)	☐	☐	☐
Computer	☐	☐	☐
Work Station	☐	☐	☐
Telephone	☐	☐	☐
Office Supplies	☐	☐	☐
Printing	☐	☐	☐
Professional Development	☐	☐	☐
Necessities for remote work	☐	☐	☐
Relocation costs	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐

If Other, please specify

Budget Notes:

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6. Evidence of Community Support

APPLICABLE ONLY FOR TWO OR MORE HOST ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING TOGETHER

If applicable, please attach letters of support from local government, educational institutions, local development organizations and non-profit agencies, Chambers of Commerce, business associations, service organizations, and other local groups. The organizations should show evidence of their commitment—including staff, financial and other resources—to help make the partnership with the Stevenson Center and the student's Professional Practice a success.

Optional notes about attached community support:

7. On-Site Supervision

Please describe your organization's plan for on-site supervision of the Fellow. Consider the supervisor's leadership style and the anticipated frequency of contact.

8. Maintaining Momentum

Please explain how your organization will continue with development projects, including those listed above, after the Fellow's assignment ends. If you see an opportunity for the Fellow to continue their work with you following their placement, please note that here.

9. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Please describe (and/or attach) strategies and policies your organization uses to promote a diverse, equitable, and inclusive work environment for all its employees (HR policies, Diversity Statements, Strategic Planning documents, etc.).