

BSC Birmingham-Southern College
HESS FELLOWS ADVOCACY PROGRAM

– Agency Application –

Part I: Agency Information

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Agency Mission Statement: The Alabama Coastal Foundation's mission is to improve and protect Alabama's coastal environment through cooperation, education, and participation.

Part II: Plans for Hess Fellow

- 1) Students will have the best experience as interns and they will be easier for us to recruit and match if they have a clear project or project area. Please describe an example of a project or focus area you could assign to a Hess Fellow. We recognize that the details might change, but please provide an overview.**

Advocacy is a crucial component of the Alabama Coastal Foundation's strategic plan. Given all of the funding that is starting to come to the Gulf coast to address the problems stemming from the largest offshore oil spill in the history of the United States, advocating for good projects that will help both our local environment and economy will be extremely important and long-lasting work. To that end, the 2018 Hess Fellow will play a vital role for our organization as follows:

- 1) Track and advocate good environmental projects that are proposed for consideration by funding opportunities from the BP Oil Spill.
- 2) Organize meetings with individuals and businesses to gain additional support for good projects.
- 3) Research best practices in other communities for effective non-partisan advocacy.
- 4) Work with the Executive Director (who has previously supervised four Hess Fellows) and ACF's Coastal Relations Committee to report progress on advocacy outreach efforts.

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- 2) **All of the Hess Fellow interns will be sophomores or juniors with evidence of academic success. We will conduct an interview with them to gauge level interest in your project area and skill set. Which of the following would be particularly valuable for your Hess Fellow to display: foreign language skills, extensive writing, secondary research (compiling resources), primary research (gathering new data), interpersonal skills, quantitative analysis, other. Please list priorities and any other skills that would be valuable.**

ACF asks that any student who applies for this position has the following qualities:

- Shows initiative;
- Strong analytical skills;
- Computer skills including proficiency with Word, Excel and other Microsoft productivity programs;
- The ability to listen to and work collaboratively with diverse people;
- The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in written form; and,
- Excellent organizational skills.

In addition, the Hess Fellow should have access to transportation because travel will be required.

- 3) **Hess Fellows are required to intern for a minimum of 8 weeks. Please indicate start and end dates for your intern and if these are dates are adjustable.**

We are flexible and will work with the Fellow to schedule his or her service.

We will notify you about placements no later than March 3rd. We assume that you will hold a place for a Hess Fellow until that date. If you agree, please electronically sign below.



Signature

Please contact Emily Thornton (ethornto@bsc.edu) if you would like participate in the Hess Fellow interview and selection process (phone/video interviews can be accommodated).