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## **POSITION OPENING**

Fellow of Health, Equity, and Nature Accelerator

### **BRUSHWOOD CENTER AT RYERSON WOODS**

Located among pristine woodlands in the Ryerson historic home in Riverwoods, IL., Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods promotes the importance of nature for nurturing personal and community wellbeing, cultivating creativity, and inspiring learning.

Since 1984 Brushwood Center has been a nexus between communities, nature, and the arts. With a focus on youth, families, Veterans, seniors, artists, and local residents, our programs lift up the strengths, assets, and hopes of communities to achieve greater environmental, racial, and economic justice. We work with more than 50 partners and 250 artists annually to offer programs centered on physical and emotional health, artistic and musical creativity, and community and personal wellbeing.

**Website:** [www.brushwoodcenter.org](http://www.brushwoodcenter.org)

**Address:** 21850 N Riverwoods Rd, Riverwoods, IL 60015

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Brushwood Center is seeking an enthusiastic candidate with experience in data collection and evaluation as well as a passion for public health and the outdoors. The Fellow of Health, Equity, and Nature Accelerator will work closely with the Director of Health Equity, and Nature Accelerator developing a Health and Nature Equity report for Lake County. Additionally, the Fellow will work on operationalizing a 3–6-month pilot program for nature-based healthcare solutions with Medicaid or Medicare partners. The ideal candidate for this role will be able to apply Brushwood Center’s commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion to all aspects of their role.

#### **About the Health, Equity, and Nature Accelerator:**

Brushwood Center’s Health, Equity, and Nature Accelerator aims to activate healthcare investment in nature-based solutions and drive collaboration among community, governmental, environmental, and healthcare sectors in Lake County and the larger Chicago region. The Accelerator was born in response to growing community demand and momentum for systemic changes to address racial and ethnic

inequities at the intersection of health, climate, and nature. Building on Brushwood Center's decades of on-the-ground community engagement experience in Lake County, the Accelerator also responds directly to the lessons Brushwood Center took from our pandemic-response work.

Responsibilities include the following:

1. Conduct qualitative interviews with community members and partners.
2. Conduct data analysis and summarization as well as help develop policy recommendations to address access to nature and environmental justice in the context of public health
3. Help assist with final creation of Lake County Health and Nature Equity report for Lake County. This includes creation of report, presentation, webpage, and social media messaging, as well as presenting to elected officials, regional conferences and networks.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

We are seeking a dynamic, collaborative professional leader with at least two years of experience in data collection, analysis, and evaluation. This individual will be adaptable, analytical, and highly organized. Key qualifications include the following:

- Exceptionally well organized with strong time management skills.
- Experience in collecting qualitative data and analysis.
- A technical skillset that includes some proficiency in programming languages/software, including but not limited to MS Excel, Google Sheets, SQL, Tableau, Python, QGIS and R.
- A degree in environmental science, public health, or equivalent with an interest in environmental justice, climate change (preferred, but other relevant environmental work experience is considered - internships, volunteer experience etc.)
- A solid foundation of math and science coursework.
- Community engagement experience.
- Drive to address racism and create race equity with partners and team members.
- Ability to commute to Brushwood Center and other meeting locations in the Chicago region.

*Equal Opportunity Employer:* Brushwood Center is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, or any other protected characteristic as outlined by the law.

As an organization, Brushwood Center is committed to equity work as an ongoing journey. We celebrate diversity and are committed to co-creating an inclusive work environment with our talented team.

**HOURS/DURATION:** 6-month fellowship, approximately 20 hours a week.

**FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE AND LOCATION:** Enjoy working in the beautiful 565-acre Ryerson Woods as well as the comfort of your own home through a flexible, hybrid schedule. Location will be 50% remote; 50% at Brushwood Center, subject to change dependent on program schedule. Must be available to staff events and programs as needed. Please apply by May 22<sup>nd</sup> for consideration. We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis.

**COMPENSATION:** \$20/hourly

**APPLY BY MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, but should be submitted no later than May 22<sup>nd</sup> for consideration. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to [nospina@brushwoodcenter.org](mailto:nospina@brushwoodcenter.org)