Student Opportunities

CWC provides opportunities for students to get involved in research, capacity building, and fostering civic dialogue around creating whole communities. Below are three types of positions with CWC. Check back frequently to see if positions have opened up or contact CWC staff for more information.

Community Building Fellowship

CWC annually recruits students who are interested in pursuing future careers in community development and community building to participate in the Community Building Fellowship Program.

The Community Building Fellowship is designed to introduce a talented group of UMSL graduate students to the challenges and opportunities of working with community-based initiatives in the St. Louis region. Selected fellows will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty and staff affiliated with the Community Partnership Project on a community-based initiative that is bringing residents and stakeholders together and addressing a priority issue or important public problems.

Selected Fellows receive a **$2,500 award**, along with access to an on-campus office and mentors as part of the community-building project. Fellows may also be able to use the community project as an internship or practicum experience for academic credit, depending on the guidelines of their academic department. This year’s community building fellowship will be for the spring semester. The community building fellowship application will be posted during the fall semester.

Graduate Assistant

This graduate position helps organize and staff the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, other training, and public forums including the year-long series on neighborhood issues, “What’s Brewing”. Creating Whole Communities Graduate Assistants are paid positions ($3,500/semester). See our webpage for a full description of the CWC Graduate Assistant position.

Graduate Research Assistant

CWC Graduate Research Assistants aid the faculty and staff involved in running Creating Whole Communities to conduct and complete priority research in a timely manner. Creating Whole Communities Graduate Assistants are paid positions ($3,500/semester). See our webpage for a full description of the CWC Graduate Research Assistant position.

Interested MSW students are encouraged to contact Dr. Kristen Wagner by telephone: 314-516-5039 or by email: wagnerkr@umsl.edu for more information.