



CSU's Brian Gates selected as first recipient of the CESU Network Office Minority Fellowship

Brian Gates, a Ph.D. candidate in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, Environmental Communication at Colorado State University, is the very first CESU Network Office Minority Fellow. Brian's own research involves determining the extent to which components of a national mentoring program can affect high school students' interest in 1.) going to college, 2.) declaring a major in a STEM discipline, and 3.) majoring in a field related to natural resources and the environment. He is especially interested in the effectiveness of mentoring programs at attracting underrepresented students to college majors in science, specifically natural resources and the environment. Brian will start his fellowship May 16th and his tenure will last 3 months. His interest and experience in education and outreach will contribute to efforts to increase the visibility and awareness of the CESU Network and individual CESUs.

The CESU Network Office Minority Fellowship was established to place advanced graduate students in the CESU Network national office in Washington, D.C. The CESU Network graduate fellowship program is committed to supporting and increasing racial and ethnic diversity in natural and cultural resource conservation fields by providing professional development opportunities essential for successful entrance into related careers. Fellows will gain broad experience during their time in the CESU Network national office - engaging in a variety of national projects, assisting with general program operations, interacting with a wide range of federal and nonfederal CESU Network partners, and taking advantage of learning and professional development opportunities that align with their specific skills and interests. For more information contact Tom Fish, CESU National Network Coordinator, at 202-208-5972, Tom_Fish@nps.gov



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