

Sprout Project Fellow - James Scholar Project

What:

Sprout is an initiative to educate local youth on the many career opportunities in the agriculture industry. We've discussed this with your professor and would like James Scholars in this class to apply and become project fellows and write a curriculum with the help of Sprout's team. For a James Scholar project in an honors class, project fellows must complete writing and editing at least one week's worth of curriculum before spring break. Afterward, you are welcome to remain a project fellow for the remainder of the semester.

Previous knowledge of agricultural topics and experience in curriculum writing is optional but encouraged. Other useful skills include but are not limited to: communication, collaboration, research, writing, creativity, and inclusivity and diversity awareness.

How:

To apply, fill out this application: [\[Project Fellow Application\]](#). The application is due by Sunday, 1/28 by 11:59pm. We will get back to you by the first week of February.

When:

Sprout meets weekly throughout the semester. The details for the timing and location will be determined by the end of January but expect meetings to be on a weekday evening.

What does a week as a project fellow look like?

Please be prepared to set aside 1 hour each week for a synchronous, in-person meeting, and at least another hour or two of your own time for curriculum research and development. You will be given access to an already written week of Sprout curriculum as a reference point and paired with a Sprout project associate to aid in the writing process.

Why work with Sprout?

Becoming a project fellow will help you gain vital experiences in research, curriculum writing, and technology integration, and also build soft skills such as collaboration, communication, organization, and creativity. It's also flexible: you can commit to the minimum of completing one week's worth of curriculum by a given deadline or you can stay on for the entire semester!

You can contribute to a greater cause: reducing educational inequalities and helping to inspire and foster middle and high-school-age students' interests in the agricultural industry. Our curriculum is on track to be implemented at Cunningham Children's Home in the upcoming fall semester, Fall 2024.

Questions?

For more information, feel free to reach out to Sprout's project manager, Annabelle Lu, at al50@illinois.edu or DM our Instagram [@sproutillinois](#). We're happy to answer any questions and look forward to working with you! Check illinoisenactus.com to see other projects too!