



NINE-MONTH RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Overview

[Jubilee College](#), Dunsmuir, CA, is a new, small two-year liberal arts school designed for a diverse community of young people who believe that a better world is possible and who want to reach for it with others, to create it. The College is rooted in physical work, rigorous liberal arts study, and contemplative practice. The first class of students will arrive in the fall of 2026. Today we seek an inaugural cohort of 10-12 fellows from September 1, 2025 through June 15, 2026, who will work alongside college founders and faculty to lay the groundwork for community life, and for living in a good way with and from the land.

Fellows will receive free room and board, and will live in a contemplative community to deepen the inner life of all involved. Fellows will contribute to the Jubilee College community by leading service initiatives and projects that align with their skills and talents, and will receive mentorship from College founders and their networks.



The Opportunity

Seeking creative, collaborative, self-starters, who are profoundly interested in putting their training, skills and passions toward living in a way that serves the health of the land, water, spirit, and local community. Apply to live for one year in contemplative community, while building applied experience, and with mentorship from a renowned team of leaders, as well as space and time in the beauty and inspiration of Mount Shasta, Castle Crags, and the vastness of local rivers, lakes, and trails. The fellowship group will be responsible for laying the groundwork and defining the plans & processes for the College, with one to two people in each area of:

1. **Eating well from this landscape:** regional farms & indigenous foods, procurement / relationships & purchasing, preparation/preservation, community education
2. **Healing the land/Ecosystem Health:** protecting the water, soil remediation, natural ponds, native plants, medicine gardens, community forestry & prescribed burning
3. **Land Use/Planning/Building:** Site & infrastructure planning and budgeting, natural building practices, research and permitting, overseeing construction
4. **Art/Service/Sacred hospitality:** Practicing love and beauty to delight guests and inspire community; Welcoming art & music to the land for peace/joy/healing
5. **Facilities/maintenance/technology:** energy efficiency, renewables, bear-proof waste/recycling/ composting systems, maintenance calendar, technology planning
6. **Education:** planning/imagining yourselves in students' shoes, informing curricula, hosting student information session weekends

At the end of the 12-month fellowship, fellows will be responsible for training a subsequent cohort of four fellows who will begin their roles in June 2026. These four fellows will become the community weavers, residential advisors, teachers' assistants, and work-stream leaders for students in the first Jubilee College cohort of students, starting fall of 2026.

Context

In 2024, the non-profit Jubilee College, purchased the [Railroad Park Resort & Dining Car restaurant](#), which has been beloved locally for 56 years, and has received top reviews from both guests and critics alike. We will not only be continuing to operate the resort and restaurant, but we have intentions to greatly expand both, as a hub and center in northern California for sacred hospitality, great food, and living in ways that restore earth and community.



The first 28-person class of students at Jubilee College will start in the fall of 2026, and a part of their program will be to maintain the campus as well as to support employees in expanding and deepening the resort. Student housing will be built in new facilities up the valley behind the resort. College classes will be held in downtown Dunsmuir in a remodeled 20,000 square foot building - formerly the elementary school. Students will bike between, contributing to the town's increased vitality.



We have already begun to host events and bring in guests through Jubilee College's [Institute of Applied Learning](#), which attracts renowned thinkers and creative people from every field. Projects underway so far relate to the practical work of restoring the health of land, and alongside

the Winnemem Wintu tribe, working to bring back wild salmon; as well as related inquiries of joining indigenous & western science, working with emerging technologies, and rebuilding trust and care in society. Our leadership team includes people indigenous to this place, and we aim to learn again how to live well within, and in service to, a place.

Some of what makes Jubilee College Unique:

- The idea that human beings are intimately interconnected with the Earth is not conceptual, it is experienced here every day.
- The foundation of Jubilee College rests on the idea that all human beings are spiritual beings.
- Instead of an education that primarily develops a student's rational mind, Jubilee is a community of learning dedicated to the development of the whole person.
- Students, fellows, and visiting-faculty, find here a uniquely diverse community of seekers... and a national network of some of the most creative people in their fields
- Central to students' day-to-day life is the combination of "work-study-practice"

To date, the Railroad Park Resort has been operating in a way that is fairly typical of modern society. We are seeking fellows who will find it exciting to lay the groundwork for profound evolution and to align the activities of the resort with the ethos of the College.

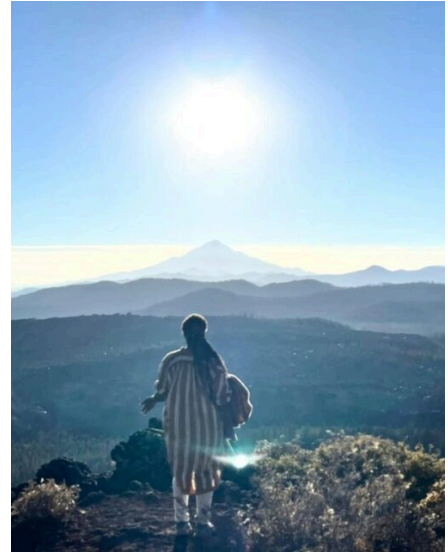
For instance, we aim to put much greater attention on the health of the lands, water and forests of our valley, to begin sourcing from regional farms and suppliers and to choose foods that are more indigenous to this place, to build greater partnerships with the community and to build a welcoming joyful place for diverse visitors, to invest in more environmentally sound building, energy, water and waste practices, and to both live and inspire a spirit of sacred hospitality and care with our team and with all of our guests. (Our restaurant already has new management and after closing Jan-March 2025, will re-open with a new vision to eat well from this landscape and to be a blessing to the community.)



Who You Are

A graduate of a college, or vocational, or skills specific program, in subjects that may range from natural building, to indigenous or local food systems, to permaculture, to hospitality management, ready to build a portfolio of applied work.

- You are open and interested in digging deeper into inquiries like:
 - How can I be at peace within myself?
 - How can we love each other more?
 - How can we be in a truly co-creative relationship with the Earth?
- You are a self-starter with a strong work ethic, who is looking to bring your ideas into action, and to take responsibility for creating something beautiful.
- You collaborate well with others and are interested in community living.
- This is not an opportunity for someone who is primarily looking for a year of rest and retreat.



Community Life

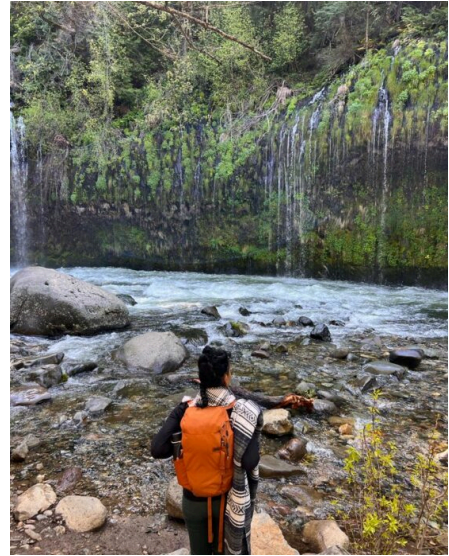
The daily work will vary depending on the season and area of expertise. All projects and tasks will interdependently support the whole community and campus, and fellows will be encouraged to take initiative. There will be periods of silence and contemplation each day, a weekly talk and a study circle with creative leaders and spiritual teachers from various fields, regional field trips, connection with other amazing fellows and mentors, the opportunity to create something beautiful, and the real responsibility to lay the groundwork for students as well as future fellows. Please note that Jubilee College is a dry campus.

A typical M-F week will include mornings of silence and contemplation, beautiful, healthy prepared meals together, six hours of service work daily, nature exploration, and free time. In addition, fellows will take turns hosting community-life circles related to decision making, money & budgets, setting agreements, working with conflict, and evolving schedules related to individual work, community work, contemplation and free exploration. Weekly we will take deep dives into various work streams to bring the whole group's creativity into each area. This work will build the pathways/processes for future students related to both individual work and maintaining the community's needs e.g. with food prep, land work, and facilities maintenance. Saturdays will include a study circle with top leaders from various fields in subjects related to remembering our connection with earth, spirit and one another, and its application with land, enterprise, building, community and more. Sundays will be completely free time to relax or to explore the wilderness of this place.



Our Region

Our region begins at the headwaters of Mount Shasta. This land was cared for over thousands of years by the Nom Ti Pom Wintu people and has always been a place for visitors drawn to the quality of the healing water. The Jubilee College & Resort is located amidst the magical wilderness of Mount Shasta & Dunsmuir, in a densely-forested 83-acre valley, with a spring-fed creek that runs through the center. The valley backs up to the Castle Crags, a Jurassic period crystalline rock formation that is today a State Park with extensive hiking trails, and which connects into the Pacific Crest Trail - turn right to walk to Canada, and left to walk to Mexico.



Located one and a half hours south of Ashland, Oregon, and four hours north of the San Francisco Bay, we are located in the town of Dunsmuir, a small 1600-person community in Northern California (Siskiyou County) situated within one of the most beautiful places on Earth. We have four distinct seasons - snowy winters, flower-filled springs, hot summers for swimming, and colorful changing leaves in the fall. The official slogan of Dunsmuir is "Home of the Best Water on Earth", but Dunsmuir has also been a railroad town for 150 years, which is both a point of local pride and history, *and* greatly harmed the original people, led to related environmental damage, and to boom and bust employment. Today, while in a period of creativity, it is emerging from a phase of depressed employment and boarded up storefronts. Today, the Railroad Park Resort is considered a destination place and we intend to expand and welcome many more guests, who are also interested in living well while working to heal the land, water, and the health of ourselves and others in Northern California..

Stipend & Housing Details

This first cohort of fellows will live in community, and receive free double-occupancy room & board, (all daily meals), along with a small monthly stipend of \$500.

Lodging is located within a 20,000 square foot building that until 30 years ago was Dunsmuir's Elementary School, and has since been remodeled completely into gorgeous accommodations, kitchens, and meeting spaces. From the valley, the Elementary School is a 15-minute bike ride through the historic town of Dunsmuir, (or a 5-minute drive).

Fellows will be mentored and supported by our College co-creators in a program of work and contemplation and community living.



Mentorship & Leadership Team

Jubilee College is led by the following group of co-founders:

- Srinija Srinivasan, Jubilee College board, & leader in arts, technology & the study of consciousness; founder [Loove](#), 5th employee [Yahoo!](#), 10-years as a [Stanford Trustee](#)
- Tawna Little, Jubilee College board, & leader in the work of building community, living well & in “gift” with Earth, hosting ceremony; co-founder of [Ekvn-Yefolecv](#)
- Laura Riccardi Lyvers, Jubilee College board, & leader in working with elemental forces to heal the land, [sacred agriculture](#), living well from and [with a place](#)
- Pom (Michael Preston), [Winnemem Wintu Tribe](#) / original people of this place; a leader in ceremonial regalia & art, emerging technologies, [protector of sacred waters](#)
- Matthew Palevsky, a Zen teacher & leader in living well communally, social activism, renewable energy, a host of spiritual inquiry and President of [Upaya Zen Center](#)."
- Don Shaffer, a leader with decades as CEO, in [regenerative agriculture](#), "[impact investing](#)" & [gift economies](#), b-corporations, & new business models for better futures
- Michelle Long, A leader in [creating networks](#) and communities of change, for [protecting the sacred & “gift”](#), [local food & energy](#), & [place-based economies](#)

In addition there is a new, and proven, management team at The Dining Car restaurant with whom fellows will collaborate as well. The restaurant will close Jan-March 2025 and will re-open April 1 with a new co-created vision, and this management team:

- Brandy Black, a Dunsmuir local who has returned home after building a successful food business in Portland, Oregon, & her partner Aaron Hoerber, who together also run the very successful [Bee Kind Bakery & Catering](#) in Dunsmuir
- Jeanette Long, another Dunsmuir local, and leader in the hospitality and restaurant scene, and also passionate about healthy food & local sourcing
- Beri Gorsuch, another deeply local individual - descended from the Kuruk Tribe who are indigenous to this region, and the former head chef at Cafe' Madalenna, long known as the region's number one destination restaurant

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit your application [HERE](#) and include:

1. Your resume
2. A cover letter that includes:
 - a. Your preferred focus area(s) - select 1-2 from:
 - i. Regional Food Systems & Foods Indigenous to this land
 - ii. Ecosystem Restoration & Land Management
 - iii. Sustainable Building & Site Planning
 - iv. Arts & Sacred Hospitality
 - v. Facilities & Renewable Technology
 - vi. Educational Program Development
3. Tell us why you're specifically drawn to your chosen focus area(s) and how your experience, skills, and passions align with this work.



Hiring Timeline:

- Application deadline: We will accept and review applications on a rolling basis until the deadline of June 15, 2025.
- Online interviews will be conducted
- The selected fellows will be notified in the second half of July 2025.
- Work begins: September 1, 2025 in Dunsmuir, CA.

Nominations:

We also welcome the nomination of individuals you wholeheartedly recommend for this opportunity. To nominate someone, please send an email to team@jubilee.college and share your thoughts on why you think they'd be a good fit for this fellowship experience.

