

Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
Spring 2025 Green Leaders Fellowship Cohort
San Antonio, TX | Part-Time | Hybrid (Austin)

Project Title: 2025 Legislative Session Policy and Programs Fellowship

Project Duration: 12 weeks

Organization Description: The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes effective broad-based advocacy for protection and preservation of the Edwards and Trinity aquifers, their springs, watersheds, and the Texas Hill Country that sustains them. The Edwards Aquifer is the source of the largest springs in Texas and the sole source of drinking water for more than 1.5 million Central Texas residents.

Project Overview: The Fellow will help GEAA accomplish its legislative priorities during the 2025 Texas Legislative Session, which runs from January through May. The Fellow will assist the GEAA Policy Director in their research projects and policy and advocacy writing and communications. The Fellow will attend and participate in, as necessary, legislative hearings, public comment sessions, and meetings with legislators and legislative staff, on behalf of or accompanied by GEAA staff. Depending on the schedule and priorities of the legislative session, policy topics may include municipal regulations, water recycling, wastewater management, groundwater data, or watershed protection. At the end of their fellowship, the Fellow will present a summary of their research and policy documents, including recommendations, along with an overview of their experience to GEAA/EarthShare Texas member groups.

Project Outcome(s):

- White Papers/Policy Briefings on various legislative topics that can be distributed to relevant policymakers and GEAA member groups
- Public comments/presentations to legislators or legislative staff, as necessary
- Final Presentation – presentation in medium of fellow's choice providing overview of the fellowship, policy topics, and policy recommendations

Qualifications:

- Preferred fields of study: Environmental Studies, Political Science, Public Policy, Environmental Science, or related fields
- Strong research and writing skills
- Strong communication skills
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work with minimal supervision
- Demonstrated ability to be a self-starter and to work well in a collaborative environment
- Ability to commit to 10-15 work hours per week

Additional Benefits:

- Policy research and writing experience

- Legislative affairs experience
- Non-profit workforce experience
- Greater understanding of municipal, county, and state water policies and regulations
- Professional development through interviews with subject matter experts and development of deliverables
- White paper and/or policy briefings for the Fellow's portfolio