



Alumni Advisory Council

HIGH MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

The HMI Alumni Advisory Council seeks to engage and inspire HMI alumni across the country to stay connected with the organization and each other, offers leadership opportunities at HMI for inspired alumni, and gathers thoughtful alumni council for future school advancement. The council will be made up of 10-12 alumni that represent a range of semesters, professions, geographic regions, and interests. At twice-annual Alumni Advisory Council meetings, the group will discuss opportunities for alumni leadership, consult on HMI's strategic planning, fund raising, and stimulate the growing HMI alumni network. The Advisory Council is an avenue for alumni to contribute to the school and develop personal experience. The group will help coordinate alumni events for HMI and provide structure for HMI's growing alumni network. The Advisory Council will meet twice yearly, once on campus, and once via conference call to maintain progress on alumni relations and other initiatives.

About HMI: The High Mountain Institute is based 5 miles from the town of Leadville, Colorado. HMI's mission is focused on developing connections to the natural world and the junction point between intellectual and outdoor pursuits. HMI offers a variety of programs including: the HMI Semester, a 4-month academic and wilderness program for high school juniors offered in the Fall and Spring; the Summer Term, a six-week academic enrichment program for high school students offered each summer; the High Peaks Adventure course for 14-15 year olds offered each summer; wilderness medicine courses in partnership with the WMI of NOLS (WFR's, WFA's, and re-cert. courses); and several avalanche trainings each January. For more information about HMI, please see www.hminet.org.

Primary Duties Include:

- Work in partnership with alumni, the Director of Admissions & Advancement, and the Board of Trustees
- Attend and participate in twice-annual meetings with Alumni Advisory Council and HMI leadership
- Provide insight for and consult on HMI's ongoing strategic planning, development efforts, and alumni relations
- Serve as a resource and role model for current HMI students and alumni
- Aid in the gathering of information regarding HMI alumni and the impact of the HMI experience beyond the Semester or Summer Term
- Develop and provide regional support and enthusiasm for the HMI alumni network, including recent graduates, and outreach to potential new students
- Assist in specific efforts to promote alumni participation in development
- Inspire HMI alumni to stay connected with HMI, the school's mission and fellow alumni long after their HMI experience
- Act as stewards for HMI and HMI offerings to the broader world

Benefits:

- Public service for the public good
- Opportunity to give back to HMI via service
- Venue for developing leadership and board type service experience
- Potential for future leadership on HMI Board of Trustees (the Trustees ultimately see the Alumni Advisory Council as a training ground for future HMI Trustees)

Minimum Qualifications: Participants of the HMI Alumni Advisory Council should be: Alumni from an HMI Semester or Summer Term, available for twice annual council meetings for a three year period, enthusiastic about participation in the founding of the Alumni Advisory Council.

Desired Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for the position and for HMI
- Ongoing rapport with other alumni and a desire to further the alumni community
- Passion for the HMI mission and success of the organization
- Some relevant personal or professional experience to enrich the overall Advisory Council
- Demonstrated use of HMI experience to pursue unique opportunities or further goals
- Willingness and ability to travel to HMI once a year, at own expense.

How to Apply: After carefully reviewing this description, interested alumni should submit a detailed letter of interest (1-3 pages) to Laura Dougherty, Director of Admissions & Advancement via e-mail at ldougherty@hminet.org, no later than January 6, 2012 (Adobe Acrobat PDF file format preferred). The letter should describe your interest, passion, and qualification for serving on the council. HMI will contact interested alumni to discuss the opportunity in January-February of 2012, before making initial appointments to the Alumni Advisory Council. Once fully established, HMI intends the Alumni Advisory Council to be self perpetuating.

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