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Dear Community Organization Leader,

Antioch University's Environmental Studies Department invites you to submit a proposal to collaborate with a team of our graduate students who are prepared to work on an environmentally focused problem or issue that is important to your organization. This program, referred to as Antioch's *Collaborative Service Initiative (CSI)*, is now accepting proposals for projects.

After completing their course work, students must complete a capstone project to meet their degree requirements, and one of the capstone options available to them is to serve as CSI consultants to solve "real world" problems within the community. This provides an opportunity for organizations to work with seasoned students who have the content expertise and collaborative skills needed to complete projects for you.

These consulting teams are made up of graduate students who are enrolled in the Environmental Studies Master of Science degree program at Antioch University New England. Our students are enrolled in a number of focus areas including environmental education, sustainable development and climate change, resource management and administration, conservation biology, advocacy in social justice and sustainability, and science teaching.

We seek proposals by October 26th so that in the fall, student consulting teams, each working with an Antioch faculty member, have the opportunity to clarify with their client the scope of work for the project (including methods and deliverables). All projects are completed by the end of the spring semester.

A few examples of recent CSI projects include: the development of logic models and evaluation tools to improve the curriculum of a conservation organization, a roadmap for community outreach; a Natural Resource Inventory and a Programming Planning Design to inform the farm's long-term plans, a guide for implementing Biophilic Design in the workplace, and Climate Migration in Vermont and New Hampshire: receiving areas, key demographics, potential impacts on natural and social resources, and potential impacts on planning.

Please find further details in the attached *CSI Project Description* and *CSI Request for Project Application*. We will review applications on a rolling basis. **The application deadline is September 22, 2023.**

If you are interested in seeing samples of past proposals or if you have any questions regarding our CSI, please contact Suzanne Green at sgreen5@antioch.edu.

Sincerely,



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Encl: *CSI Project Description* and *CSI Request for Project Application*