ORVP // Summer Fellows

Wouldn’t it be great if... we had the time, the talent, and the support to do a project we could all be proud of AND it helped students?! This summer the vast majority of Knowlton School students are faced with cancelled internships, uncertain futures, and idle isolated hours without connection to classmates or landscape architecture.

As designers we are supposed to be creative; good at asking the risky “What if?” questions. Well, what if... you could support 2 students for the price of 1? What if... a week of billable hours equalled a month of effort? What if... we combined our efforts? What if... we were in their shoes? What if... we looked back at this moment and saw that we did something special for our city, our profession, and our students? Wouldn’t THAT be great!

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Project Background
For the last two years the ORVP project has worked with a collection of students from OSU’s Landscape Architecture program as researchers and designers. To date the project has facilitated public outreach through farmers markets, public installations, and fundraisers. Additionally, the project team has built a social media campaign, distributed more than 200 native trees, sponsored a student design competition that received more than 1200 online votes, and produced a documentary highlighting the project and advocacy efforts of Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW), Franklin Co. Soil & Water, and MORPC. When our plans for an Earth Day event were cancelled we decided to re-double our social outreach through the summer months.

What would the Summer Fellows do?
The students would, under the direction of Jason Kentner who is donating his time, work on a range of tasks aimed mostly at engaging the public with informational graphics, educational materials, and concept images based on public suggestions illustrating ideas large and small. In addition, the students would continue our social media campaign through the summer into the fall.

How much would it cost?
For every $5000 raised TWO student fellows will be sponsored. That money will also support a $500 donation split between FLOW & the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) which will be matched up to $2000 by the ORVP project. Any donation amount is welcome but the following are suggested:

- **We’re all in!** $4500.00 + $500 FLOW/NDC
- **We’re with you!** $2250.00 + $500 FLOW/NDC
- **We’ll do our part!** $1125.00 + $500 FLOW/NDC
- **We’ll chip in!** $500.00 + $500 FLOW/NDC

How would it work?
The NDC, a 501c3, has agreed to accept donations and provide administrative support. NDC would in turn award 3-month summer fellowships in the form of $750.00 monthly stipends for students (as 1099 independent contractors). Summer fellows would work not less than 40 hours per month in support of the ORVP project, with all hours and tasks profiled in final report.