



# OMEGA

Rhinebeck, New York

## Omega Institute – Rhinebeck Campus 4-Week Ecological Literacy Immersion Program (ELIP), July 3-29, 2016

### TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

#### Applicant Information:

Fill in your name and contact information, and give this form to an individual such as an employer, instructor, mentor or professional colleague who is able to assess your potential, along with a stamped envelope (if necessary) addressed to Omega Institute Eco-Literacy Immersion Program.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I waive my rights to access this recommendation

I retain my rights to access this recommendation

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

#### **Omega Ecological Literacy Immersion Program Building Our Regenerative Future: A 4-Week Certificate Program**

Solving today's challenges requires ecological literacy—an understanding of the patterns and principles that underlie all living systems.

In this transformational 4-week residential certificate program, we explore how to restore the health and well-being of our planet and social systems through regenerative design—an innovative, whole systems, place-based approach to problem solving that considers the connections between society, nature, and individuals. Using the 260-acre Omega campus as our classroom, we learn to consciously design our learning goals, our physical and ecological landscapes, and the social systems that support human well-being and carry our designs forward into the future.

While deepening our understanding of place, we examine current global challenges and learn from the solutions that exist at Omega and around the world. Guided by experts in the fields of permaculture, regenerative agriculture, ecological engineering, water and soil science, wilderness awareness, and whole systems design, we discover the potential for building a regenerative future.

Through lectures, discussion, experiential intensives, hands-on projects, field trips, community experience, and personal reflection, we explore ecology from a social, economic, personal and spiritual perspective. In the process we learn approaches and tools that can be applied to creative problem solving anywhere.

**\*\*Participants in this 4 week program will earn an internationally recognized Permaculture Design Certificate.** See [www.eOmega.org/ELIP](http://www.eOmega.org/ELIP) for program details.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER**

The Admission Committee finds candid evaluations helpful in reviewing a candidate’s potential for success in this 4-week certificate program. Thank you in advance.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

How long have you known this applicant, and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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**EVALUATION**

Please tell us what you think is important to know about the applicant, emphasizing her/his preparedness to join this 4 week program intensive. All levels of experience and prior study are welcome, but we are looking for candidates with a high level of maturity and a sincere desire to be part of creating the future they envision for society and our planet. Applicants should think about both what they hope to gain from the program, and how they can help to enhance the experience of others within their learning community. Please discuss any academic, personal and/or professional experiences that have contributed to your assessment, including what you believe the applicant would gain from this program, and what she/he could offer others in the group.

Return form to: [Lauraw@eomega.org](mailto:Lauraw@eomega.org) with subject: ELIP Recommendation - Name of Applicant  
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Fax: 845-266-9617 with subject: ELIP Recommendation - Name of Applicant  
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**Omega Institute – Eco-Literacy Immersion Program**  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_