# 2015 Ecological Literacy Immersion Program (ELIP): Recommendation Form





# Omega Institute • Rhinebeck, New York 4-Week Ecological Literacy Immersion Program (ELIP) • July 5–31, 2015

## 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 Ecological Literacy Immersion Program.

Full Name:	Phone Number:
Home Address:	Email:
<ul> <li>I waive my rights to access this recommendation</li> <li>I retain my rights to access this recommendation</li> </ul>	
Signature:	Date:

### **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 core principles that underlie all natural systems. Using the framework of regenerative design—a whole system, place-based approach to problem solving that considers the connections between society, nature, and individuals—this innovative 4-week residential certificate program explores new ways to create communities that regenerate the health and well-being of all living things.

Using the 200-acre Omega campus as our classroom, we learn to consciously design our learning goals, the physical landscape and the social systems we would like to create. While deepening our understanding of place, we look at current challenges and learn from the solutions that exist at Omega and around the world. Guided by experts in the fields of permaculture, biodynamic agriculture, ecological engineering, water and soil science, renewable energy, and whole systems design, we explore the potential for building a regenerative future.

Through lectures, discussion, hands-on projects, field trips, community experience, and personal reflection, we explore ecology from a social, economic, and spiritual perspective. What we learn in the process is an approach that can be applied to creative problem solving anywhere.

**\*\*Participants in this 4 week program will earn an internationally recognized Permaculture Design Certificate.** See <u>www.eOmega.org/ELIP</u> 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?	

#### **EVALUATION**

Please tell us what you think is important to know about the applicant, emphasizing her/his preparedness to join this 4-week intensive program. 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 with subject: ELIP Recommendation - Name of Applicant -- or --Fax: 845-266-9617 with subject: ELIP Recommendation - Name of Applicant -- or --Omega Institute – Ecological Literacy Immersion Program 150 Lake Drive Rhinebeck, NY 12572

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

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