

# Eden Hall Fellows Scholarship Program

The Eden Hall Fellows program is open to all graduate students in the Falk School of Sustainability who can show they are committed to carrying on the legacy of Sebastian Mueller's achievements in business, social entrepreneurship, and commitment to improving the quality of life in our region.

Five new and five returning Falk School students will receive:

- A \$10,000 per year tuition fellowship
- A \$5,000 summer cash stipend to carry out their internship, in which they are expected to engage in social entrepreneurship, community service, or work with or for a non-profit business making changes in sustainability
- Automatic renewal of fellowship if eligibility requirements are maintained

## EXPECTATIONS OF FELLOWS

- Share your experience with the Chatham community during the fall term of their second year
- With the other Fellows, plan, organize, and promote the Annual Lecture, held in the fall. The Lecture will feature a local, national, or international speaker who advances the focus of Sebastian Mueller in relation to improving community quality of life through sustainable practices.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be accepted/enrolled in a master's program in the Falk School of Sustainability
- Have a minimum college grade point average of 3.5 (on 4.0 scale)

## TO APPLY

**Please note: Applications due by May 1.**

- Complete the Eden Hall Fellows application, available at [falk.chatham.edu/ehfellows](http://falk.chatham.edu/ehfellows).
- Complete an essay (up to 1,000 words) that demonstrates your intended connection to Sebastian Mueller's legacy and how as a Falk School graduate student, you will use your education to continue that legacy and celebrate Mr. Mueller's significant accomplishments in both business and social entrepreneurship.





## **SEBASTIAN MUELLER (1860 – 1938)**

Sebastian Mueller was a man of unquestionable energy and dedication. He came to Pittsburgh from his native Germany in 1884, at the age of 24, to work for his cousin Henry J. Heinz in his fledgling food processing operation. A few years later, with the H. J. Heinz Company prospering, Mr. Mueller married Elizabeth Heinz.

Mr. Mueller spent more than five decades working for what was then called “The House of Heinz.” He headed the company’s far-flung manufacturing operations, served on its board of directors and “ran the shop” during Mr. Heinz’s frequent sojourns.

Mr. Mueller won the respect and gratitude of not only the company’s founder but also its legion of working women. The Muellers were generous in providing these young women with medical care and financial assistance, long before corporate health care plans or government assistance were the norm.

Having no heirs, Mr. Mueller willed his entire estate, including his summer home in Gibsonia to benefit women. Known as the Eden Hall Farm, the resort served as a vacation and respite destination for working women.

The scope of Mr. Mueller’s will was broadened in 1983, when the Eden Hall Foundation was established as an additional but separate organization to further Mr. Mueller’s interests in other “charitable purposes.”

## **EDEN HALL FOUNDATION**

Eden Hall Foundation is a private foundation established pursuant to the will of Sebastian Mueller, a Pittsburgh philanthropist and vice president and director of the H. J. Heinz Company.

During his lifetime, Mr. Mueller gave substantial support to improve conditions of the poor and disadvantaged, the promotion of sound education, and the support of health facilities and projects.

Today, the trustees of Eden Hall Foundation continue his stewardship in the areas of social welfare, health, education and the arts.

Each program area strives to achieve outcomes that reflect community need and Foundation goals. It is this blending that yields results that are strategic and yet responsive to the region’s needs.

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