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Call for Applications: Carbon Removal Justice Fellows Program

The National Wildlife Federation and the Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy at American University invite applicants for the inaugural cohort of the Carbon Removal Justice Fellows Program (“the Fellows Program”). We are looking for up to ten fellows for a two-week summer fellowship, July 10-24, 2023. We are also seeking two additional fellows to work with NWF for 11 months, from mid-June 2023 to mid-May 2024.

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Carbon removal involves working with biological systems or using technological means to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and put that carbon dioxide into long-term storage or productive use. Carbon removal must now be considered an essential component of humanity’s response to climate change. Not all forms of carbon removal are, though, created equal. Good carbon removal will help the world meet climate goals and will also be good for people, particularly frontline and environmental justice communities.

The Fellows Program is designed to bring environmental justice voices and perspectives into the fast-developing field of carbon removal policy, research, and private sector activity. Large amounts of U.S. government and private sector money are starting to move into carbon management projects. It is essential that environmental justice considerations be represented in carbon management decision-making.

The Fellows Program will:

- Provide participants with an introduction to the field of carbon removal, centering environmental justice considerations and concerns;
- Include conversations with key figures in U.S. federal policymaking, the private sector, and civil society; and
- Involve site visits to two U.S. locations grappling with decisions around carbon removal.

There are two linked opportunities:

The Fellows Program will provide up to ten participants with a two-week introduction to the field. In addition, one participant will take up a full-time 11-month position with the National Wildlife Federation and work closely with staff at the Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy. Applicants should identify whether they are applying for the two-week fellowship, the 11-month opportunity with the National Wildlife Federation, or both.

The two-week Fellows Program will run from July 10-24, 2023.

The 11-month opportunity with the National Wildlife Federation will run from mid-June through mid-May. Remote work is a possibility.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Fellows Program is a joint initiative of the National Wildlife Federation and the Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy at American University.

Founded in 1936, the National Wildlife Federation is the nation's largest non-profit conservation education and advocacy organization. With over 350 employees, seven regional centers, as well as a National Advocacy Center in Washington, D.C., and 53 state and territorial affiliates, our mission is uniting all Americans to ensure wildlife thrives in a rapidly changing world. As technological carbon dioxide removal has become an integral piece of the Federation's climate strategy, we have worked to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with industry, labor, and environmental and justice-based NGOs to advance policy and implementation relevant to CDR initiatives while calling for provisions that aim to reduce harm and share benefits with the stakeholders most impacted by this technology. We are also committed to advocating for and helping facilitate constructive and informed public engagement.

The Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy works to find carbon removal's appropriate forms, scales, and applications. The Institute is housed in the School of International Service at American University in Washington D.C. and is committed to the development of a carbon removal field that centers on justice and equity considerations.

WHAT IS COVERED

Those selected to participate in the two-week-long Fellows Program will receive a \$5,000 stipend. In addition, travel and accommodation expenses, and most meals will be covered. Those selected for the 11-month Fellowship with the National Wildlife Federation will hold a full-time position within NWF, complete with benefits. Working closely with the Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy, this fellow will:

- Maintain and facilitate ongoing check-ins and updates with other members of the fellowship cohort;
- Pursue independent research around the intersections of Environmental Justice considerations and carbon removal;
- Develop reports and briefings;
- Assist in the programmatic planning of the 2024 fellowship program, drawing on the experiences and lessons learned from the 2023 program; and
- Other duties as assigned

ELIGIBILITY

The inaugural year of the Fellows Program will focus on the U.S. carbon removal context. Applicants should be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

DEADLINES

The deadline to submit applications is **May 20, 2023**.

Applications will be reviewed **May 21st-25th, 2023**.

Interviews will be conducted on **May 29th & 30th, 2023** (via Zoom).

The 2023 cohort will be announced on **June 1st, 2023** and chosen applicants will be contacted accordingly.

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