

Cornell University

Women Leaders in Sustainability Fellowship

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About the Fellowship

The *Cornell University Women Leaders in Sustainability Fellowship* is a one-year program open to Cornell University graduate and undergraduate students to accelerate career and executive-leadership advancement in sustainability related fields.

The Fellowship will **empower leaders to action** with a three-part professional development experience. Fellows will engage in leadership development, mentoring & networking with acclaimed women leaders in sustainability, and be provided with a paid internship focused on designing and implementing a strategic project for climate and sustainability impact at Cornell University.

Applicants from any College or program enrolled as full-time students and eligible to work in the United States are encouraged to apply. This Fellowship is for all cis and trans women, as well as non-binary people who are comfortable in a space that centers the experiences of women.

Fellowship Details

The WLS Fellowship is designed to accelerate leadership potential with three program components. The program begins August 2021 and ends August 2022 and includes a paid internship in the Cornell Campus Sustainability Office totaling 10hrs/week during Fall and Spring semesters (August – May), and 20hrs/week during the summer (May –August). Other program experiences entail an additional 4-6 hours / semester.

Internship and Sustainability Solutions Project

WSL Fellows will work with a professional mentor to design and implement a real-world solution to a sustainability challenge in one of three focus areas: Community Engagement, Climate Leadership, and Sustainability Change Management.

Women in Sustainability Leadership Networking

Engage in virtual coffee chats with a series of high-profile women in sustainability executive leadership from across New York State and international sustainability and climate programs.

Personal Leadership Journey

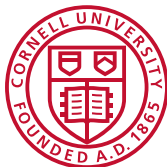
Fellows will gain a deep sense of strengths, passion, and vision through leadership development experiences designed to empower your path to executive leadership and meaningful change agency.

Graduate Fellowship Award: \$11,200*

Undergraduate Fellowship Award: \$8,200*

**Approximate total compensation for hours worked during Fellowship, paid as hourly rate*





Eligibility

The Cornell Women's Sustainability Fellowship represents a unique opportunity to accelerate applicants' professional careers. Fellows are required to commit to the full internship from August 2021 – August 2022 and all additional professional development opportunities.

- Preference will be given to applicants who are entering or currently enrolled in a graduate-level program with some demonstrated sustainability experience. Applications from highly skilled undergraduate candidates with exceptional leadership potential, relevant experience, and background will also be considered.
- The Fellowship is open to all cis and trans women, as well as non-binary people who are comfortable in a space that centers the experiences of women.
- Candidates are welcome and encouraged from all programs and Colleges.
- Applications from underrepresented communities including LGBTQ+, black, indigenous, and persons of color and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged.
- Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students at Cornell University through the end of Summer 2022.

Application Requirements

The deadline for Fellowship application is Friday May 28th 2021. Please submit both resume and letter of recommendation in the same email if possible.

Complete the *Women Leaders in Sustainability Fellowship Applicant Form*

- The application includes demographic questions and 2 short essays to help us best identify your potential and interest for the Sustainable Solution Projects. Note that this form replaces a traditional cover letter.
- [Application Form](#)

Resume or CV with subject "Women Leaders in Sustainability Fellowship Applicant"

- Email to sustainability@cornell.edu with letter of recommendation

1 letter of recommendation supporting candidate's leadership potential and interest in career opportunities related to sustainable development and climate leadership

- Email to sustainability@cornell.edu with resume or CV

Website

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