

Mountain Sentinels Fellowship

To Support Individuals Living or Working in Mountain Communities Affected by COVID-19

Funding Opportunity for individuals Under-Served & Under-Represented in Science*

How Fellows May Use the Funds

Fellowship awards of \$1,500 USD per fellow can be spent:

(1) to address immediate challenges from COVID-19 (e.g. food security, education, community health) in their personal household or community in the mountains; and/or

(2) to carry out the Fellow's project.

Application Deadline
Sunday, August 9, 2020
11:59 PM (MDT)



Program Overview

The Mountain Sentinels Collaborative Network invites applications for a Mountain Sentinels Fellowship Program:

- The Fellows Program will support 10-15 individuals living or working in a mountain community** significantly impacted by COVID-19.
- Fellows will conduct a project focused on improving social and environmental health and well-being in a mountain community impacted by COVID-19.
- We seek applicants who are under-served and/or under-represented in science*.
- We expect to form a group of Fellows who represent diverse ages, career stages, and sectors (e.g. researchers, non-researchers, educators, individuals across different industries and organizations, community members) worldwide.
- The Fellowship will run for one year, beginning September 1, 2020.

What We Provide

Each Fellow will receive \$1,500 USD. Fellows will be invited to participate in the following activities (they are expected to choose at least one):

- One-on-one mentorship with a member of Mountain Sentinels.
- Monthly virtual gatherings amongst the Fellows cohort.
- Participation in the 2021 Moving Mountains Summit (likely virtual).

*Depending on context, under-represented groups in science (groups whose representation in science is smaller than their representation in the general population where they reside) or under-served groups (those who do not receive sufficient access to services such as health care, education, etc) may include but are not limited to: Latinx, Indigenous, people of color, people with disabilities, people from the Global South or economically developing nations, women.

**Any applicant who identifies as living or working in, or having a strong connection to, a mountain community will be considered.

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Fellows' Projects

Fellows should propose a project focused on improving social and environmental sustainability in mountains, especially as they see opportunities created by COVID.

Fellows will be responsible for a final product such as a report, blog, video diary, photos, art, or other materials to communicate the outcomes of their project. These final products will be shared publicly on our website (mountainsentinels.org).

For example, projects might include:

- Working with a local school to expand access to online learning materials related to mountain sustainability.
- Leading community hikes in local natural areas to improve human health and understanding of the environment.
- An art exhibit expressing impacts from COVID-19 on mountain communities and environments.
- Interviewing community members regarding ideas for improving social and environmental sustainability post-COVID.

SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Funds are not required to be spent on project activities. Other uses of funding could include purchasing and distributing food items in your home or community, or funding your own time spent on sustainability-oriented activities. However, if funds are used in this way, Fellows still need to conduct and report on a project with a mountain community affected by COVID-19, as described above. The project can also be an addition to an on-going project.

Criteria for Selection

We are open to applicants from a wide range of educational and professional backgrounds and ages. We anticipate the final cohort will be a mix of students across educational levels (high school through postdoctoral) as well as individual mountain community members and those from diverse industries and organizations. Applicants are expected to live or work in, or have a strong connection to, a mountain community and be passionate about social and environmental sustainability. We seek Fellow from groups that are typically under-served and/or under-represented in science.

Application Process

Please send the following materials to mountainsentinels@gmail.com:

- A resume/CV, no longer than 2 pages
- A written essay (<500 word) or video (<5 minutes) describing how you or your community meet the Fellowship criteria (i.e., mountain community significantly impacted by COVID-19; applicant from an under-represented or under-served group).
- A written (<500 word) or video (<5 minutes) description of: (a) your project and (b) how you will spend the funds.

Timeline

Fellows will be notified regarding the status of their application no later than August 21. The Fellowship will begin September 1, 2020.

If you have questions about your eligibility as an applicant, the suitability of your project, or use of funds, please email us at: mountainsentinels@gmail.com.