



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Alliance Fellowship 2024

MOVING MOUNTAINS FELLOWS PROGRAM

Mountain Sentinels is assembling a worldwide group of students, postdocs, youth, practitioners, and local and Indigenous community members dedicated to mountain well-being and sustainability.

The Fellows Program is open to individuals living, working, or raised in a mountain community. Applicants are invited to submit a proposal for new or ongoing projects. Individuals who are under-served and/or under-represented in science are encouraged to apply.

YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Submit your application today! Each chosen Fellow will receive \$1,000 USD to support a project focused on elevating community voices and addressing sustainability needs. Fellows will also be invited to apply for additional opportunities.

Fellowship Benefits

- \$1000 USD toward your project.
- Mentorship with a member of Mountain Sentinels Alliance.
- Monthly virtual gatherings amongst the Fellows cohort.
- Potential for participation in the 2024 [Moving Mountains Summit](#) December 9–12 in Peru.
- Additional competitive funding opportunities will enable further connection with networks and career development.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Sunday, July 28, 2024 | 11:59 PM (MDT)

VISIT THE [FELLOWS WEBSITE](#) FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS & DETAILS

Questions? JOIN OUR [INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR](#)
or email us at: info@mountainsentinels.org





SELECTION CRITERIA

Fellows may come from a wide range of educational, professional, and practical backgrounds. Fellows will be a mix of students across educational levels, postdocs, practitioners from diverse sectors, including local and Indigenous mountain community members.

- Applicants are expected to live or work in, or have a strong connection to, a mountain community.
- Applicant projects should elevate community voices and address community needs and environmental sustainability in mountains.

If applicable (not required),

- Applicants will be asked to articulate how they represent an under-represented group in science or an under-served community*.
- Applicants may explain how they are early in their occupation or career**.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Fill out the application form to describe your project and the community you wish to work with. You will be asked to provide the following:

- A brief description of how you will spend the funding, and completion of a budget proposal form (uploaded in the application).
- A resume/CV, no longer than 2 pages.
- A brief letter of support from a member of the community or group involved in your project. If a letter is not possible, there are alternate options to demonstrate community connection.

TIMELINE

The Fellowship will begin September 1, 2024.

FELLOWS' PROJECTS

Fellows may use initial funds to support an on-going or new project focused on improving social and environmental well-being & sustainability in mountains.

Examples of past projects include:

- Documenting Indigenous knowledge of medicinal plants and creation of a plant guidebook and short documentary film.
- Interviewing community members about how the mountains provide safety and creating a book of poetry and based on interviews.
- Working with a local school to expand access to learning materials for mountain sustainability.
- Increasing food security through community workshops on local agriculture products and establishing community gardens.
- Ethnographic research exploring Indigenous women's perspectives of climate change and ice loss in the Andes.
- Establishing a small-scale network of solar energy for community use.
- Developing a local radio talk show to cover community-related topics.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Fellows can apply for additional funding to participate in activities such as:

- A network exchange program with partner organizations and communities
- Engagement in policy fora, such as the United Nations Climate Negotiations
- In-person participation in the Moving Mountains Summit
- Other experiences that benefit the Fellow's career or community

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

*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: Black, Latinx, Indigenous, people of color, people with disabilities, women, people from the Global South or economically developing nations.

**Early in their occupation or career is roughly within 10 years of starting their current occupation. We understand that people do change occupations, so you might be older in years and still earlier in your current career.