

# Climate Corps

## Be a part of the solution!

Climate Corps is a Fellowship program that offers emerging climate protection leaders unparalleled professional development and training as they drive cutting-edge environmental solutions within leading climate organizations across California.

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Climate Corps Fellows benefit from working alongside nonprofits, local governments, educational institutes, and businesses on climate resiliency programs and campaigns. Fellows focus on projects in resource efficiency, solar/renewable energy, waste diversion, alternative transportation, sustainability education and/or outreach.

### Climate Corps Fellows:

- Receive valuable experience leading climate resiliency, mitigation, and adaptation projects that have measureable outcomes and benefits.
- Build critical connections and networks with climate protection leaders.
- Learn from being part of a regional cohort of Fellows dedicated to implementing innovative approaches to our collective climate challenge.
- Participate in a comprehensive training and development program that culminates in a professional certificate issued by an accredited college program partner.

### City of Palo Alto Building Decarbonization Outreach Fellow

The Building Decarbonization Outreach Fellow will lead education and outreach campaigns to raise awareness of the benefits of zero-emissions buildings and promote efficient electric alternatives such as heat pump water heaters and induction cooktops among Palo Alto residents. The Fellow will learn about Palo Alto's sustainability policies and programs, gain expertise in residential energy efficiency and zero-emission building technologies, then develop outreach materials for Palo Alto residents to promote building decarbonization. The Fellow will develop and implement a social media campaign, plan community workshops, and participate in neighborhood meetings. Where appropriate, the Fellow will coordinate with other environmental advocacy groups and other neighboring cities in outreach efforts. The Fellow may also assist City staff with conducting a survey of participants in the Palo Alto Heat Pump Water Heater rebate pilot, and with organizing stakeholder workshops to explore the development of a Zero-Emissions Building Roadmap for

the city. The Fellow will work closely with City staff in the Utilities and Development Services (buildings) departments, and will also have the opportunity to work with consultants working on Palo Alto's sustainability initiatives.

The City of Palo Alto is fully committed to all necessary pathways to a sustainable future, with an aggressive goal of reducing 80% of the community's GHG emissions by 2030 . The City owns, operates and maintains a full-service utilities department that provides electric, gas, water and wastewater services to residents and businesses in Palo Alto. Since 2013, the Utilities Department has sourced a 100% carbon-free electric supply portfolios electricity to meet its Carbon Neutral Electric Portfolio standard. To further reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions, the City has been looking at ways to convert natural gas end uses in buildings to efficient electric alternatives. Palo Alto currently has a number of voluntary programs to encourage building electrification.

The ideal candidate is passionate about addressing climate change and is creative with messaging. The candidate should be experienced with a number of social media tools; experience with developing web content such as videos and images is a plus. The candidate is a good communicator and a good team player. The candidate needs to be flexible with work schedule, in order to occasionally work outside of normal work hours to attend/organize workshops in the evenings and weekends.

#### **Desired Qualifications:**

- Availability for the full-time, 10-month Fellowship program, beginning in August 2019
- Climate Corps Fellows **must have completed a 4-year degree** by the time the program cycle starts in September 2019. We are looking for recent college graduates with:
  - An educational background in environmental policy, science, engineering, sustainable management or planning degrees (volunteer and internship experience will be considered).
  - An understanding of clean energy and environmental policy.
  - Community outreach and communications experience.
  - A connection to the placement location. This is an equal opportunity position and we prefer to place a candidate who already lives in the region being served.
- Additional requirements may depend on the specific position placement sought

#### **Benefits:**

- Living allowance stipend of \$2,750 per month (before taxes). Select positions

may offer an enhanced stipend.

- Kaiser Permanente silver health insurance plan.
- Assistance with student loan deferments.
- Extensive professional development and skill building. Upon program completion, Fellows are awarded a Climate Change Protection Professional certificate by Skyline College.
- A financial award upon program completion.

**Application Process:**

To become a Fellow, please submit an online application and resume. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all placements are filled. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application as soon as possible in order to ensure the best chance of being placed within an organization that fits your needs and goals. NOTE: We are adding new fellowship descriptions on a weekly basis!

Once the application is complete and has been reviewed, applicants who qualify will be contacted for an interview. Interviews for the 2019-20 Program Year will begin in March 2019. Fellows need to be available and eligible to start by the first week of September 2019.

**Strategic Energy Innovations Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Statement**

Strategic Energy Innovations is committed to equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, disability, genetic information, religious or political affiliation, or sexual orientation. We celebrate diversity and strive for an inclusive workplace.

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