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AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Celebrating Action from Local to National

HOW-TO GUIDE

Award-Winning Program Uniting Diverse Post-Grads to Tackle Climate Change

[SEI Climate Corps](#)

Since 2010, SEI's Climate Corps has placed 800 Fellows with over 600 local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and businesses to execute high-impact climate and resiliency projects.

Engaging populations in the climate movement who are traditionally underrepresented, 40% of Climate Corps Fellows identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC) and 70% are female. In contrast to many peer programs, SEI seeks to provide Fellows a living wage stipend to make the program accessible to emerging professionals of all backgrounds. Additionally, in Oregon and North Carolina, Climate Equity Fellows support a network of dozens of climate justice organizations serving predominantly BIPOC communities. For example, Fellows supported Tribal climate planning with Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest, capacity

building for BIPOC-led environmental organizations with Coalition for Communities of Color (CCC), and fund development across the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network.

SEI Climate Corps is the original and longest-standing climate-focused corps program in the United States, serving as a model and catalyst for many similar programs across the country. SEI's program is unique in that it engages cohorts of Fellows in specialized tracks ranging from Building Energy Efficiency to Climate Finance to Environmental Justice.

Replicate This!

How To Get Started

1. Engage and employ underrepresented populations
2. Seek to provide Fellows a living wage stipend to make the program accessible to emerging professionals of all backgrounds
3. Develop highly trained Fellows who help to make buildings more energy efficient, electrify vehicle fleets, design renewable energy action plans, implement nature-based solutions, and educate communities about climate action