Cohort 13 will include an additional component to the Fellows Program: The Fellows Program Internship. This component presents a unique career pathway. It is an opportunity for undergraduate students and community members who are interested in gaining experience in collaborative conservation. **This opportunity will prioritize those who identify as belonging to an underrepresented group.** Intern Fellows will be recruited by CCC staff and matched with appropriate Fellows Projects. The Intern Fellow’s role will be to support the implementation of one or more aspects of approved projects. CCC Staff will work with Project Teams and Individuals to identify if and when it is appropriate to match an Intern Fellow with the project.

Intern Fellows will receive a stipend, well-articulated training, on-the-ground field experience, and intentional mentoring. Participants expand their STEM identities, add to their knowledge of possible academic pathways, build their resumes, and gain job experience. Intern Fellows will be introduced to a network of faculty, practitioners, and possible future careers. This part of the Fellows Program emphasizes experience, support, and connections.

A separate recruitment information package will be developed for Intern Fellows and posted on our website.

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION - INTERN FELLOW**

Benefits from participating in the program include:

- Gain relevant skills and experience in science communication, the foundations of collaborative conservation, participatory research methods, facilitation methods, and more.
- Develop cultural competencies and awareness important for collaborating with a diverse array of stakeholders.
- Be part of a supportive cohort with mentoring.
- Learn about pathways to academic programs and careers in collaborative conservation.