



CCC FELLOWS PROGRAM COHORT 13

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q1: Why a Project Pitch rather than a Proposal?

A: By first submitting a Project Pitch, then engaging in in-depth conversations with CCC staff, applicants and the CCC participate in a collaborative and iterative process. Together they learn what is likely to be successful, answer important questions about the project or overall goals of the program, gain additional ideas and feedback, and adjust and modify the concept to best suit the needs of both parties.

Q2: How will my application be rated or evaluated?

A: Please see the [Project Pitch Review Criteria](#)

Q3: How will Fellowship funds be disbursed?

A: Selected applicants will be given information on disbursement processes both during the Collaborative Dialogue conversations, as well as during the Training Retreat.

Q4: Should I include literature references in my Project Pitch?

A: We recognize that literature references are sometimes critical to a proposal. While having a few key references is not a problem, what we are really interested in are your ideas and how you envision enacting them.

Q5: What file format should I submit my Project Pitch in?

A: Project Pitches can be submitted using a variety of formats, including as a PDF, a slide deck, a word document, a video, etc. Follow the guidelines provided [here](#).

Q6: I have applied to CSU's Graduate School but have not yet been officially accepted. Am I eligible for a Fellowship?

A: Fellows should either represent themselves as a currently accepted graduate student at CSU, or as a conservation practitioner.

Q7: I am a conservation practitioner with existing partnerships at CSU. Do I need to establish a new partnership for the purpose of this Fellowship?

A: Proposing to strengthen an existing partnership(s) is perfectly fine. What is most important is that you identify a partner who is a good fit for the proposed project.

Q8: I plan to utilize most or all my Fellowship funds in the first 6 months (or last 6 months) of the 18-month Fellowship term. Is this okay?

A: You can use the funds whenever it is appropriate for your project. We will go over how to receive the funds at the Training Retreat. Note: You must use all your funds by the end of the Fellowship, August 31, 2024. CCC reserves the right to hold back funds until the required products are turned in.

Q9: How do I fill out the budget template? What sorts of costs will the Fellows Program cover?

A: The Project Pitch should include a draft budget, following this [budget template](#). This budget will likely be refined through conversations with CCC staff during the Collaborative Dialogue. For the Project Pitch, try to address the anticipated needs of your project and your personal and professional strengths. You will be expected to explain and justify your budget for your final proposal. If you are not based in Fort Collins, it may make it easier and more understandable for your project to have two "Travel" sections, one which directly addresses travel by you or your team members for your proposed work, the other which addresses travel to Fort Collins for the Fellows meetings, retreat, and trainings.

Q10: I don't live in Fort Collins. Do I need to include travel costs to attend the fellowship-related activities in Fort Collins in my budget?

A: The costs of attending the Retreat, trainings, and other gatherings can be covered by your budget, or by other sources of funds you might have available to you. Many of the trainings/meetings will take place virtually.