



# CCC FELLOWS PROGRAM COHORT 14

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Q1: How will my application be rated or evaluated?**

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

**Q2: How will Fellowship funds be disbursed?**

A: Selected applicants will be given information on disbursement processes both during initial conversations upon being selected, the CCC Fellows Orientation (March 2024), as well as during the Training Retreat (April 2024).

**Q3: Should I include literature references in my project proposal?**

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.

**Q4: What file format should I submit my project proposal in?**

A: Project proposals 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](#).

**Q5: 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.

**Q6: 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.

**Q7: 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 develop an individualized plan for utilizing the funds for each Fellow or Team. Note: You must plan to use all your funds by the end of the Fellowship, August 31, 2025.

CCC reserves the right to hold back funds until the required products are turned in.

**Q8: 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 course of the Fellowship. For the project proposal, try to address the anticipated needs of your project and your personal and professional strengths. 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.

**Q9: 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.