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CCC FELLOWS PROGRAM COHORT 15

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Additional questions? Please contact Allison Brody, CCC Associate Director of Learning,
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Q1: How will my application be rated or evaluated?

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

Q2: How will Fellowship funds be disbursed?

A: Selected applicants will be given information on disbursement processes during initial conversations upon being selected, the CCC Fellows Orientation (March 2025), and during the Training Retreat (May 2025).

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, or other media. 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: Yes. If you are not currently accepted as graduate student at CSU, let us know where you are in the process; you may also consider presenting yourself as a conservation practitioner.

Q6: I am a conservation practitioner with existing partnerships at CSU. Do I need to establish a new partnership for 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, 2026.

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 proposal should include a draft budget, following this [budget template](#). This budget will likely be refined through conversations with CCC staff during the Fellowship. For the project proposal, try to address the anticipated needs of your project. 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 retreat.

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 training retreat or other activities related to your project can be covered by your budget, or by other sources of funds you might have available to you. Most of the training meetings will take place virtually.