

Call for Climate Investment Funds Youth Fellowship 2023

Location: Jamaica

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) has created the CIF Youth Climate Fellowship in partnership with Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) partners to give young climate leaders the opportunity to work with projects co-financed by the CIF in their country of residence. The one-year fellowship gives candidates the opportunity to work with CIF's frontier climate finance and with the partner MDBs on climate action programs in areas such as nature-based solutions, clean energy, adaptation and climate resilience, climate finance, and gender and social inclusion.

What Is this CIF Youth Fellowship About?

- **Location:** Jamaica (Latin America and the Caribbean)
- **Thematic areas:** Climate Resilience, and Sustainable Forest Management
- **Hosting MDB:** Inter-American Development Bank
- **Project:** Implementation of Investment Plan for the Caribbean Regional Track of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR)
- **Number of Fellows:** 1 Fellow

Jamaica faces climate challenges such as higher temperatures, droughts, heavy rainfall, rising sea levels, and hurricanes, exacerbated by its reliance on coastal activities and natural resources. CIF's Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) supports vulnerable regions, like Jamaica, with a \$30-million concessional resources to enhance adaptive capacities, improve climate information services, promote community-based climate resilient practices, and raise climate awareness in sectors like fishing and small businesses.

The Fellow will assist the team of the Inter-American Development Bank with implementation of the PPCR in Jamaica. We expect the selected Fellow to be involved in the following tasks (but not limited to):

- Preparing timely and comprehensive monitoring reports capturing the interventions and impacts of the Inter-American Development Bank's program in supporting local community.
- Contributing to all aspects of project implementation, including research, analysis, and risk assessment of proposed projects, as well as assisting with technical

support to project execution agencies, communication with stakeholders and development of knowledge products.

- Assisting with the and monitoring and reporting of Technical Cooperation assignments.

How Will this CIF Youth Fellowship Work?

- **Duration and time commitment:** One-year program starting from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, with the possibility of adjustment. You might be assigned to work on a part-time or full-time basis, depending on the requirements of the respective MDB as well as any higher education commitments you might have.
- **Location:** You will be based in the Inter-American Development Bank Country Office. Travel within Jamaica may also be required.
- **Entitlement:** You will be provided a suitable stipend, taking into account the Purchasing Power Parity of the country, and in-kind logistical support such as staff time for mentoring and office space.
- **Coordination:** You will be onboarded with a Work and Learning plan and assigned mentors who will organize routine check-ins and serve as the go-to person for questions, minor grievances, and coordinating the Work Plan. As part of the Learning Plan, CIF will hold several in-person and virtual training sessions and technical workshops, and support for research and publication of knowledge products, and opportunities for cross-learning with other CIF programs and initiatives.

Who Are We Looking For?

- **Age:** Between 18 and 28 years of age during the time of application.
- **Residence and work authorization permit:** You must be a resident in Jamaica and have a valid work permit.
- **Qualifications:** You must hold an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering, economics, finance, public policy, environmental sciences or similar with relevant experience or course work in areas of CIF's work such as climate finance, clean energy or climate change.
- **Availability:** You should be available to work on the Fellowship between 16 hours (part time) to 40 hours (full time) per week.
- **Language:** You must be fluent and have good writing skills in English as well as in the native language of the country where you reside.
- **Profile:** You must have (i) demonstrated passion for a thematic area relevant to the Fellowship (adaptation and climate resilience, clean energy, energy access, nature-based solution, gender and social inclusion and other core cross-cutting

themes); (ii) interest in engaging and mobilizing stakeholders for climate action; and (iii) experience working with a diversity of stakeholders.

- **General competencies:** You must be proficient in basic computer programs, adaptable to varying tasks and prioritize them, able to provide professional support to senior staff, and possess strong interpersonal skills to build relationships both within and outside the organization.
- **Assignment-specific skills and knowledge:** You have strong analytical and conceptual skills and ability to interpret and present technical/research information.

How To Apply

Apply through the Fellowship Application Form, click [HERE](#) or use this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cifyouthfellowship>

Deadline: July 7, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time

The application process will include stating your interests, experience and motivation and submitting a resume. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to a set of interviews to demonstrate their passion, intention, and general fit for the Program. The jury will comprise representatives from the six partners MDBs and CIF program leads. Additionally, the candidates might be asked to share references.

Who We Are

The Climate Investment Funds

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) was established in 2008 to mobilize resources and trigger investments for low carbon, climate resilient development in select middle- and low-income countries. 14 contributor countries have pledged over US\$11 billion to the funds. To date CIF committed capital has generated an additional US\$62 billion in co-financing for mitigation and adaptation interventions at an unprecedented scale in 72 recipient countries. CIF's large-scale, low-cost, long-term financing lowers the risk and cost of climate financing. It tests new business models, builds track records in unproven markets, and boosts investor confidence to unlock additional sources of finance. The CIF is one of the largest active climate finance mechanisms in the world.

The Inter-American Development Bank

The Inter-American Development Bank is devoted to improving lives. Established in 1959, the IDB is a leading source of long-term financing for economic, social, and institutional development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The IDB also conducts cutting-edge research and provides policy advice, technical assistance, and training to public- and private-sector clients throughout the region. For the last 60 years, it has provided more financing to more countries in the region for longer than any institution.



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