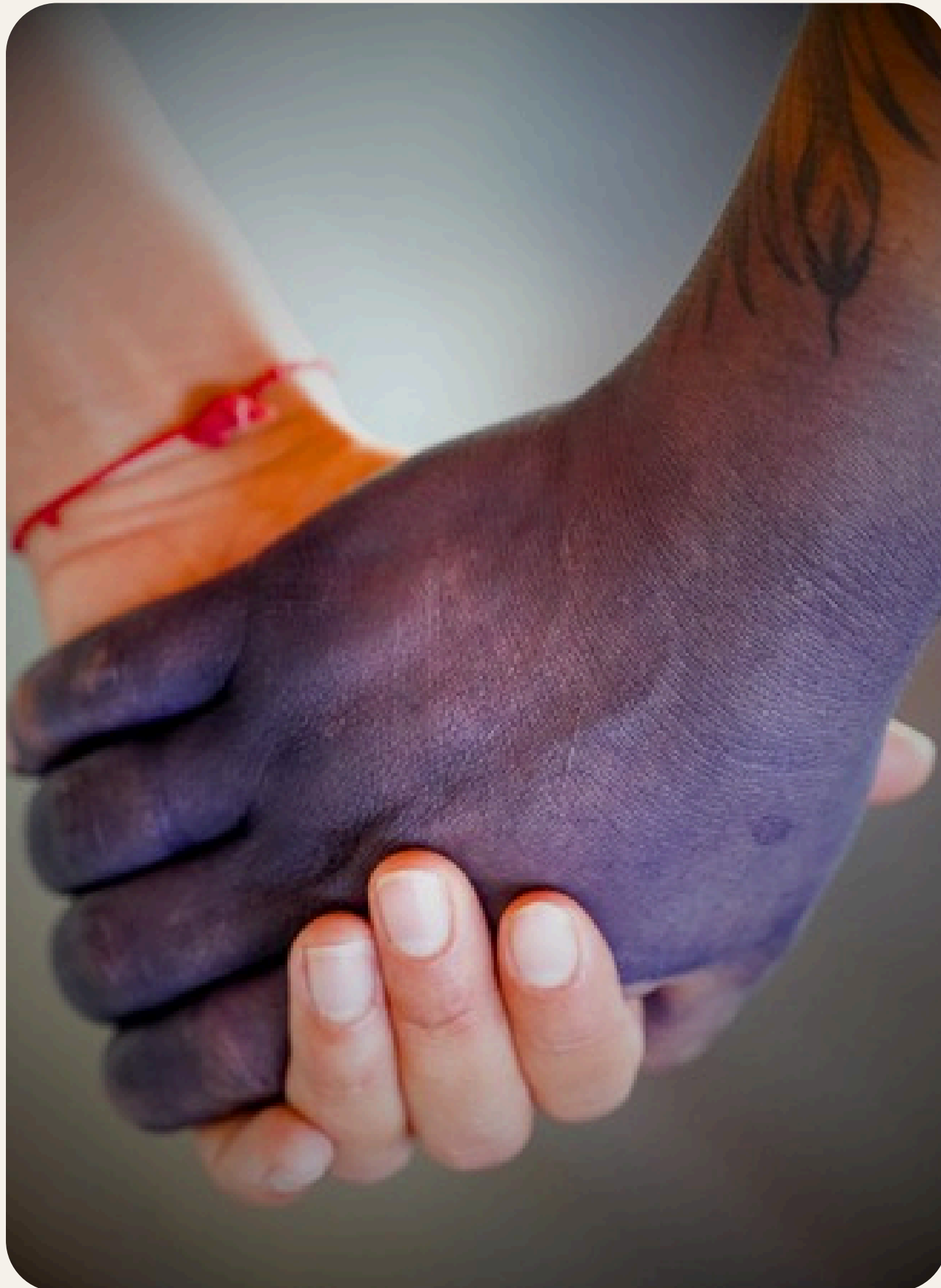


2027

Indigenous Youth Fellowship

Call for Project Proposals

Cultural  Survival



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Strengthening cultural identity and leadership among Indigenous youth.

Cultural Survival is pleased to announce the **2027 Call** for Proposals for the Indigenous Youth Fellowship program. The fellowship provides financial support for youth-led projects that benefit Indigenous communities, along with opportunities for leadership growth. Fellows are encouraged to amplify community voices and bring attention to local issues within global dialogues through their projects.

2018

program launched

157+

fellowships awarded

350+

Indigenous youth reached

cs.org/fellows2027

What the fellowship offers

FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT

\$2,500 – \$5,000 USD

Depending on the project size

PROJECT DURATION

3 – 6

Months

PROJECT REALIZATION PERIOD

Apr – Oct

2027

Key dates

01



October 4, 2026

Open Call for
Proposal Concepts

02



**October 25,
2026
11:59 PM ET**

Deadline to Submit
Proposal Concepts

03



**December 4,
2026**

Notification of
Selected Fellows

04



**January –
February 2027**

Awarding Stage

05



March 2027

Orientation Session

06



April 1, 2027

Fellowship Projects Begin

Deadline: October 25, 2026 · 11:59 PM ET

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who can apply?

This year's fellowship will support Indigenous youth (individuals or groups) leading multidisciplinary, creative, and community-driven projects.

APPLICANTS MUST

18–28

Be an Indigenous youth or group of youth between the ages of 18 and 28

✓

Be committed to working with Cultural Survival and meeting deadlines

✓

Be preferably fluent in or interested in learning an Indigenous language

✓

Not a former Cultural Survival Youth Fellow

Fellows work closely with Cultural Survival staff and a local volunteer mentor. We prioritize gender balance and actively encourage applications from **women and 2SLGBTQI+ youth**. Geographic diversity is also considered.



ELIGIBLE REGIONS FOR 2027

Where we are welcoming applications from

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The Americas

United States

Mexico

Guatemala

Costa Rica

Belize

Ecuador

Colombia

Argentina

Bolivia

Peru

Chile

Brazil

3

Asia

Indonesia

Nepal

Philippines

6

Africa

Mali

Namibia

Botswana

South Africa

DRC

Republic of Congo

Three themes: one or more per project

Projects must be 3–6 months in duration and implemented during the April–October 2027 execution period.

01

Climate Change Solutions

- Restoring ecosystems and biodiversity
- Resistance to transition mineral mining, and protection from impacts and threats of extractive industries
- Strengthening local resilience, traditional knowledge and place-based solutions

02

Culture and Languages

- Strengthening culture bearers and language leaders
- Cultural and artistic expression
- Transmission and revitalization of traditional knowledge, spirituality, ceremony and self-governance

03

Lands and Livelihoods

- Land defense and autonomy
- Food sovereignty and cultivating Indigenous economies
- Knowledge transmission through the management and protection of traditional lands and territories
- Indigenous rights and gender diversity

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

What a project can look like?

Eligible activities may vary depending on the project theme and can include:

Skills training

Workshops

Infrastructure improvements

Multimedia

Craft and media projects

Community engagement

Traditional knowledge strengthening



HOW TO APPLY

Submit your proposal concept through Good Grants

Proposal concepts are due October 25, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET. Fellowship selections will be announced on December 4, 2026, and the awarding of fellowship funds will begin in January 2027. Projects may begin anytime after April 1, 2027.

Apply on cs.org/fellows2027

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED

English

Español

Português

Français



RESOURCES

Everything you need to apply

Form

[cs.org/fellows2027](https://www.cultural-survival.org/fellows2027)

Informational Packet — download

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