OPEN GLOBAL CALL

INDIGENOUS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PROJECT

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Cultural Survival defends the rights of Indigenous Peoples and has supported the political and cultural self-determination and resilience of Indigenous peoples since 1972.

The Indigenous Youth Fellowship Project was created to support young Indigenous leaders between the ages of 17-28 years old who create and disseminate knowledge through creative ways and critical thinking to advance their work and ultimately lead to impactful transformative spaces in their communities.
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CREATORS AND AGENTS OF CHANGE

Our sixth-year call for applications will open from January 18 to March 1, 2023. The applicants can be individual or collective groups of Indigenous youth. The amount of each fellowship is 2500 USD. Projects are expected to be completed within 6 months and should demonstrate how this project will support youth leadership and impact their community positively. Former Cultural Survival fellows are not eligible for this call.
WHO CAN APPLY?

• Individual: Indigenous youth from 17-28 years old; or collective: Group of Indigenous youth between 16-28 years old.

• Access to the internet and other forms of communication to collaborate creatively with other fellows, the CS team and to be able to participate in video conferences.

• The applicant should not have been a former Cultural Survival fellow.
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Mexico (priority in the Yucatan Peninsula), Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Suriname, Guyana, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil (Amazon Basin), Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Namibia, Botswana, Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, Nepal, and India.
THEMES

• Lands and livelihoods sustainability
• Defense of land and territory
• Preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages
• Solutions to climate change
• Recovery of cosmogony and ancestry
• Empowerment and leadership of women, youth, and underrepresented genders
• Indigenous community media
• Recovery and protection of traditional medicine
• Gender equality and justice
AREAS OF CREATIVE WORK WITH A COMMUNITY FOCUS

- Strengthening of capacities and management of technical and/or digital tools.
- Short animated videos on Indigenous oral tradition.
- High impact graphic illustrations.
- Free software that facilitates the editing and creation of informative content.
- Community narratives (creative writing, stories, legends, poetry and journalism).
- Art (muralism, photography, paintings/weaving/traditional ceramics).
- Community media (radio, audiovisual and digital platforms).
- Performing arts (dance, theater, puppets).
- Music and traditional songs.
- Cultural research
HOW TO APPLY?
Concept presentations can be received in the following formats, written (maximum 2 pages), audio or video (maximum 5 minutes) by answering the following questions:

- Full name
- Age
- Gender pronouns
- Indigenous People/Nation/Ethnicity/Tribe Affiliation
- Community and country of residence
- Contact (Email, WhatsApp/telegram/Signal number)
- Brief description of your project (objectives, activities and expected results)

If your request is in a group, include information on all members. We accept applications in the following languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese, Nepalese, Sunuwar, Hindi, K’iche’ Maya, Kaqchikel, Poqomam, Didxazá, (Isthmus Zapotec), Ayuujk, Afrikaans, and French.

Answer the questions above and send the application to adriana.hernandez@cs.org

If the proposal is selected, we will contact you to invite you to submit a full narrative proposal and a budget. The selection period lasts 3 months. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2023.
FAQ

• Is there a specific format to apply?

   No, there is no specific format to submit your initial concept; but you must include your objectives, activities and expected results. Only if your concept is selected to present a full proposal, then will we share specific formats.

• If I am not between 17-28 years old, can I still apply?

   The youth fellowship project is targeted at Indigenous youth between the ages of 17-28; if you are not within these ages, you might find other opportunities to collaborate with Cultural Survival, especially through our communications.

• When will I receive a response?

   After March 1, 2023, it will take at least three months to have the selected youth fellows.