



# INDIGENOUS LEADERS CONSERVATION FELLOWSHIP

2019-2020

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Conservation International invites interested indigenous and traditional peoples organizations to nominate candidates for the 2019-2020 [Indigenous Leaders Conservation Fellowship](#).

### About the Fellowship

The Indigenous Leaders Conservation Fellowship focuses specifically on supporting indigenous peoples and elevating their voices in the dialogue around climate resilience and/or conservation. The fellowship offers individualized support to fellows in an effort to enhance and expand leadership, as well as to provide learning opportunities and connections for personal and professional development. The fellowship strives to connect fellows to CI field offices, in order to support CI projects and programs and align with CI's priority geographies. The fellowship includes the following elements:

- Community-based climate resilience project or research: financial and technical support to enhance/build upon the fellow's existing work/projects.
- Mentoring & connecting: connections to CI field offices/staff that can both support the fellow throughout the fellowship and provide CI with unique perspectives and insights. Where possible, connections and mentoring will also be fostered between the fellow and other indigenous leaders (such as previous fellows, CI's Indigenous Advisory Group members and regional networks).
- Skills-building/professional development: discretionary funds for the fellow to use for enhancing his/her professional skills and knowledge – such as technical skills, language classes or conferences.
- Influencing others: use the fellowship as a platform to advocate for indigenous peoples' active participation in environmental conservation – for example with organizations, local governments, at the community, national and regional levels.

Now in its eighth year, this fellowship program has worked with 17 indigenous and traditional leaders from 12 different countries.

## Fellowship Focus

For the 2019-2020 fellowship year, the Indigenous Leaders Conservation Fellowship will support two distinct fellowship tracks:

- Indigenous Women’s Fellowship: This fellowship focuses specifically on advancing indigenous women’s leadership in the climate and conservation space. Two fellows will be supported in this track.
- Emerging Leaders Fellowship: This fellowship focuses specifically on identifying and elevating emerging indigenous leaders interested in applying traditional knowledge to climate and conservation solutions. Two fellows will be supported in this track.

Please see the fellowship application forms for specific information on eligibility requirements, required application materials and more.

## Major Fellowship Milestones

October 1, 2018	Fellowship announced <i>via CI offices, indigenous networks, previous fellows, IAG, etc</i>
November 2, 2018	Applications due
November 9, 2018	Internal selection of top candidates, vetting from CI programs as necessary
November 19, 2018	Announcement of winners
Nov-December, 2018	Contract paperwork/workplan development
January 1, 2019	Fellowship officially begins
July 2019	First 1-page report against workplan progress
December 2019	Second 1-page report against workplan progress
June 2020	Fellowship closes; final meeting/presentations with CI field office

## How to Apply

The application materials can be submitted electronically either in a Microsoft Word document (.doc) or as a PDF. Please submit nominations via email to [indigenousfellows@conservation.org](mailto:indigenousfellows@conservation.org) **on or before November 2, 2018.**