

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation's new Generation of Environmental Leaders Program (GELP) invites youth (18–35) in Canada, Mexico and the United States to share their solutions to support North American communities and preserve our shared waters, lands and air.









The GELP offers more than a platform for ideas; it provides a year-long mentorship, unique networking opportunities, the opportunity to present solutions to the three countries' top environmental officials at the CEC Council Session and receive C\$15,000 in seed funding to amplify the impact of solutions in local communities.

## **MENTORSHIP** SEED-FUNDING Gain direct guidance Receive C\$15,000 in from experts, create seed funding to develop an impactful solution engaging tools and master project and support your development and community in shaping a sustainable tomorrow! management skills. NETWORKING Be the voice of change and present your solution to North America's top environmental officials at the CEC Council Session! Participate in national, regional, and international conferences and share your knowledge and skills.

# Why Participate

#### **GELP YOUTH LEADER**

- → Build capacity in solution development
- → Network with experts and decision-makers
- → Receive seed funding and financial guidance
- → Access intergenerational discussion spaces
- → Increase exposure for your solution

### COLLABORATORS WORKING WITH YOUTH

- → Accelerate knowledge-sharing and awareness
- → Network with youth experts
- → Support environmental advocates and innovators
- → Embrace diverse and intersectional perspectives
- → Be part of a North American youth network

# How to Participate

## **GELP YOUTH LEADERS**

- → Be 18- to 35-years-old
- → Live in Canada, Mexico or the United States
- → Be part of a youth-led team or organization
- → Drive impactful solutions in your communities
- → Address critical issues to preserve our shared waters, lands and air

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR SOLUTION**

- → Impact and community engagement (40%)
- → Feasibility (25%)
- → Alignment with the CEC's Strategic Pillars and the Program theme (15%)
- → Identification of problem/issue (10%)
- → Innovation (10%)

# How to Collaborate

- → Share this opportunity with your network
- → Be part of knowledge-sharing sessions
- → Highlight youth leaders' successes
- → Invite youth leaders to participate and present at your knowledge-sharing sessions and events
- → Share youth leaders' solutions with your network

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# Join the GELP and be part of a collaborative network of young environmental leaders!

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### **ABOUT THE CEC**

In the context of environmental, economic and social linkages between Canada, Mexico and the United States, the CEC facilitates effective cooperation and public participation to conserve, protect and enhance the North American environment in support of sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations.

The CEC receives funding of the Government of Canada through Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Government of the United States of Mexico through the Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, and the Government of the United States of America through the Environmental Protection Agency.