



Climate Champions Finance Youth Fellow - Nature

The Role at a Glance

<p>The Role</p>	<p>The Climate Champions Finance Youth Fellow will play a key role in advancing finance for developing countries leading up to UNFCCC COP30.</p> <p>The ideal candidate is deeply passionate about climate action and committed to practical action to scale finance for developing countries, and on adaptation and resilience.</p> <p>A highly-motivated and effective communicator with experience in the finance industry, skilled at influencing target audiences, building partnerships and with an understanding of the role of the finance and youth constituencies in catalysing change.</p> <p>This opportunity is well-suited for individuals who are driven by the desire for impactful change, and excel in delivering results even under high-pressure circumstances.</p> <p>The position entails collaborating across teams and timezones, with a deeply collaborative approach.</p>
<p>Contract type</p>	<p>Independent contractor</p>
<p>Time commitment</p>	<p>16 hours per week for the duration of the fellowship - including joining weekly and fortnightly team check-ins on specific days.</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>April - December 2025 (9 months)</p>
<p>Remuneration level</p>	<p>For independent contractors, in line with market rates, and commensurate with experience and location. Remuneration is inclusive of annual leave.</p>
<p>Start date</p>	<p>April 2025</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>Flexible. We are a global team, so the role may require some travel</p>
<p>Reporting to</p>	<p>Puninda Thind, Nature Finance Lead, Finance Team</p>
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate is expected to work from home, with occasional travel as and when requested. • In some locations, a collaborative office space may be available. • The candidate is expected to provide and maintain their own ICT and work tools. • Out of town travel and other work related expenses will be reimbursed in line with the travel and expense policy



Recruitment process	Please apply via this form Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis, with virtual interviews taking place during March/April 2025
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Background

The UN Climate Change High-Level Champions (HLCs) holds a unique mandate under the UN Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC): mobilise businesses, investors, cities, regions and civil society and act as a bridge between non-state actors and national governments to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Each HLC is appointed by the COP presidencies and serves for a term of 2 years. In 2020, the then serving HLCs established the Climate Champions Team (CCT), to help HLCs deliver on the mandate.

The work of the CCT is guided by a [five year plan](#) published and welcomed by Parties at COP 26, which sets out objectives and details of the tools employed to achieve them, across six key functions, for the period 2021 – 2025. It is further informed by the COP28 outcomes, in which Parties encouraged the High-Level Champions and Non-Party Stakeholders to consider the [outcomes of the first Global Stocktake](#) in their work with voluntary initiatives and coalitions.

At COP29, Parties unanimously [renewed the mandate of the High-Level Champions for 2026-2030](#) and welcomed the continuation of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, recognizing the critical role of Non-Party Stakeholders implementing the Paris Agreement.

Key pillars in our work include the global campaigns [Race to Zero](#) and [Race to Resilience](#), related action frameworks [2030 Breakthroughs](#) and [Sharm Adaptation Agenda](#) - all in delivery of the science-based [2030 Climate Solutions](#).

To help us deliver on our plan for COP30 and beyond and ensure young people are at the crux of this work, we are launching our fifth cohort of the Youth Fellowship Programme.

Overview of the Climate Champions Youth Fellowship

The power of youth voices in reframing climate ambition and driving systematic change is incredible and the Climate Champions are committed to integrating them into our core work.

The Climate Champions team launched a pilot global Youth Fellowship programme in 2021 and has since then hosted cohorts by creating a pathway for young professionals to contribute to a series of strategic non-state actor engagements in the build up to COP26, COP27, COP28 and COP29 to help support the



delivery of the mandate of the Climate Champions team. Now in its fifth year, the Fellowship is an evolving programme of work, and you will be expected to shape the work and your role, in collaboration with leaders and peers within the Climate Champions Team.

The Fellowship will provide an opportunity to work at what is arguably the most pressing challenge in the world today, and it will suit you if you are mission driven and thrive in fast-paced, ever-evolving and diverse teams. You will need to be comfortable juggling different priorities and balancing multiple - and at times - competing demands and work in ways which are highly collaborative and engaging with a wide range of stakeholders at all levels and across all sectors of the economy, policy and society.

As a Youth Fellow placed in the Finance Team, your key learnings and responsibilities will include:

(Please note that the below responsibilities and learnings included are illustrative and the scope under this section will be discussed and agreed with the line manager to create structured, clear objectives)

1. Nature Finance Engagement (80%)

Engaging financiers on nature finance.

- Supporting actions aligned with the Nature Positive for Climate Action, Deforestation Free Finance and Increasing Investments in Nature-Based Solutions workstream.
- Supporting Marrakech Partnership input to governments as needed, including supporting convenings by the Marrakech Partnership Finance Focal Points.
- Supporting tracking and monitoring of nature finance flows as needed, and curation of good practice case studies and examples to be amplified towards COP30.
- Supporting high-level engagement on finance by the High-level Champions, including high-quality briefing notes with key messaging and proof points, and events logistical support.

2. Power of the collective and storytelling (20%)

Working together with other fellows within the Climate Champions team as a Youth Fellowship team on both internal and external engagements during the duration of the fellowship.

- Potential to participate as speakers/curators at relevant global/regional events in the lead-up to and at COP30
- Partnering with relevant organisations to design and deliver dialogues/workshops relevant to youth audience at key events and COP30
- Story-telling and narrative building on relevant topics for the Climate Champions website and channels

An important thread running alongside the key tasks shared above includes building capacity and upskilling. Alongside this, the fellow will be invited to join the Climate Champions Team weekly team meetings and become an integral part of the team.

About You



The successful candidate will have experience gained in a programme-based environment. You will be a highly motivated self-starter, happy working across different time zones in a fast-paced environment. You are able to exercise sound judgement as to when to seek advice with regard to engaging sector stakeholders.

The following requirements are essential:

- 30 or under 30 years of age as on 1 January 2025 (minimum age to apply is 18yrs)
- Minimum five years of experience - this can be either professional work experience OR volunteering experience in the chosen subject/thematic area, climate leadership or organising
- Previous experience in the finance sector, ideally for a financial institution.
- Knowledge of climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience and of the UNFCCC COP process is desirable but not essential
- Strong critical thinking and analytical skills, and attention to detail
- Excellent process and project management skills, with ability to juggle multiple priorities and deadlines
- Excellent communications skills, both verbal and written.
- Collaborative and collegial working style, and a strong team player, with strong interpersonal skills and diplomacy
- Ability to manage through ambiguity and change
- Commitment to the [Climate Champions core values](#)

Code of Conduct

As a member of the Climate Champions Team you are required to adhere to the highest standards of conduct and behaviour, protecting the integrity of the mandate from Parties, the UNFCCC process, the UNFCCC institution and the COP presidency. Shortly after joining, there will be a number of mandatory induction meetings to ensure you have the information and tools needed to work to the highest standards.

Contract information

The Climate Champions Team is a programme of work under the not for profit administrative host body Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA). The contract for this role will be drafted within the Climate Champions Team and signed by the post holder and a senior representative of RPA. Find out [more about RPA here](#).