

Climate Champions Finance Youth Fellow

The Role at a Glance

Role description	<p>The Climate Champions Finance Youth Fellow will play a key role in advancing finance for developing countries leading up to UNFCCC COP29.</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>
Contract type	Independent contractor
Time commitment	16 hours per week for the duration of the fellowship - including joining weekly and fortnightly team check-ins on specific days.
Duration	June - December 2024 (7 months)
Remuneration	Remuneration in line with market rates, and depending on experience and location.
Location	Flexible. We are a global team, so the role may, require some travel
Reporting to	EMDE Lead and Sagarika Chatterjee, Department Director, Climate Finance
Other	<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	<p>Please apply via this form</p> <p>Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis, with virtual interviews taking place during April 2024.</p>

Background

The Climate Champions Team provides support to the UN Climate Change High Level Climate Champions to deliver on the mandate from Parties: **to drive climate action and enhance ambition by non-state actors**. Working with the Marrakech Partnership and other partners, the team works to 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. At COP26, the two serving High Level Climate Champions launched [a five year plan](#) to deliver on the mandate from Parties. It sets out objectives and details of the tools employed to achieve them, across six key functions for the work of the Climate Champions Team for the period 2021 - 2025. The global team is resourced to support the major campaigns [Race to Resilience](#), [Race to Zero](#), [Sharm Adaptation Agenda](#), as well as sector-focused systems transformation using the [Climate Action Pathways](#), [2030 Breakthroughs](#), and [2030 Climate Solutions](#).

To help us deliver on our plan for COP29 and beyond and ensure young people are at the crux of this work, we are launching our fourth 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 and COP28 to help support the delivery of the mandate of the Climate Champions team. Now in its fourth 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.

The successful candidate will work closely with the Resilience Team, Youth Engagement Lead, Project Management Office, Communications Team, Systems Transformation team, as well as partners across the Race to Resilience Campaign.

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

1. Finance sector engagement (80%) (Please note that the bullets below are illustrative and the scope under this section will be discussed and agreed with the line manager to create structured, clear objectives)

- **Supporting the EMDE Lead and Department Director** to deliver on the Champions' work to accelerate finance in EMDE. This will broadly include delivery of Champions'

work to advance the priority actions in the Climate Finance Framework¹, which sets out priority finance actions towards 2030. The Champions' work has a strong focus on advancing financing opportunities in developing countries, collaborating with project developers and financiers.

- **Project developers - support:** Supporting securing requisite financing for the projects and initiatives (also referred to interchangeably as financing opportunities), including supporting promotion of financing opportunities with prospective financiers, signposting project developers to technical assistance and partner/platforms to connect with financiers.
- **Publication - drafting:** Undertaking data analysis as might be required, including in collaboration with external partners (e.g. consultancies). Collating and tracking relevant information on financing opportunities, financiers and lessons learned. Drafting a 20-page publication on the Champions' climate projects work over September for release at COP29.
- **Supporting the Adaptation and Resilience Lead, and the Nature Finance Lead** to deliver on the Champions' work to accelerate finance in adaptation, resilience and nature. This will broadly include delivery of Champions' work to advance the priority actions in the Climate Finance Framework², which sets out priority finance actions towards 2030, including for adaptation and nature.
 - **Call for Collaboration:** Supporting the organisation and delivery of the Call for Collaboration³, focused on mobilisation of private finance for adaptation and resilience.
 - **Adaptation finance case studies:** Source and draft case studies of innovative and emerging good practice in finance for adaptation and resilience, for internal and external use.
 - **Adaptation-nature nexus:** Support building a narrative of the connectivity of adaptation and nature solutions, and drafting examples to promote this narrative.
- **Financier engagement - convenings:**
 - Supporting the successful organisation and delivery of regional forums and sessions, including but not limited to the preparation of required material and recording key takeaways for internal use and publication. Target audiences will include commercial banks, investors, insurers, development finance institutions and policymakers.
 - The role may involve background research and analysis, preparation of working group materials and notetaking, as well as support for events focused on adaptation and nature.
 - Support the Champions' preparations for COP29, including support for

¹<https://www.lse.ac.uk/granthaminstitute/publication/a-climate-finance-framework-decisive-action-to-deliver-on-the-paris-agreement-summary/>

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³ <https://onebillionresilient.org/cop28-call-for-collaboration/>

targeted events.

- **Financier and policymaker engagement - speaker briefings:** Drafting speaker notes for the Champions as and when required, related to EMDE Finance, net zero and transition, adaptation and resilience, and nature finance. Research of topics, third-party sources and proof points, target audience and partner initiatives, with key messages to influence the target audience. Speaker notes prepared to quality standards in a timely manner.
- **Youth and stakeholder engagement:** Be the link between the Finance team and Youth Organisations / advocacy groups working on climate finance, maximising opportunities to amplify the youth voice on finance. Such as, engaging closely with the Finance or related topical working group within YOUNGO for knowledge and solution exchange.

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 COP29
- Partnering with relevant organisations to design and deliver dialogues/workshops relevant to youth audience at key events and COP29
- 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 2024 (minimum age to apply is 18yrs)
- Understanding or experience of working in the finance industry
- Minimum five years of work experience/ volunteering experience in the chosen subject/thematic area, climate leadership or organising
- Knowledge of climate mitigation, adaptation and nature, 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, including in written business English, with additional language skills welcome
- 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](#).