

COASTAL SOLUTIONS FELLOWS PROGRAM


Background - From Mexico to Chile, the Pacific Coast provides critical habitat for millions of shorebirds migrating annually across hundreds of sites of the Pacific Americas Flyway (PAF). Despite their importance, shorebirds and their habitats across the PAF are facing great threats due to incompatible coastal development (e.g., urbanization, tourism, aquaculture) and climate change, which is contributing to on-going population declines. Effective solutions that target and reduce these threats for the PAF can only be achieved through close collaborations between scientists, planners, and developers.

The Program - The Coastal Solutions Fellows Program (CFS) is designed to build, train, and support a collaborative network of scientists, developers, and planners who are designing and implementing new evidence-based solutions to coastal environmental challenges. For the next decade, the Program will support the next generation of coastal scientists, planners, and developers who will push forward place-based coastal solutions across the PAF.




The Fellows - Early career, Latin American professionals across the academic, NGO, and private sectors are eligible. The program is open to graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and early-career faculty based at universities and research institutions. Practitioners based at non-profit or for-profit institutions from the conservation, planning, development, and AEC sectors (Architecture, Engineering and Construction) are also eligible.

The Fellowship - The two-year award includes funds to support the fellow's salary, project, and mentor, as well as retreats and professional development. Fellows are supported to implement site-based projects at important shorebird site(s) along the PAF. A *mentor* will provide support and guidance during the fellowship while a *cross-sector collaborator* will bring different perspectives and help develop collaborative solutions. Other core activities include the opportunity to travel abroad to gain professional skills and attend annual retreats that combine peer-to-peer learning and strategic training workshops.

PREREQUISITES

- Be a Latin American citizen of a country in the PAF 
- Early-career scientists, planners, architects, engineers or similar 
- Submit a project on an issue directly connected to a site(s) of the PAF 
- Secure a mentor and project collaborators 

BENEFITS

- 60K Stipend support 
- 10K Project funds + 10K Mentor Support 
- 5K Travel to train + 5K 

Annual retreats + professional development

Access to the Coastal Solutions Collaboration Network

Eligible for collaboration grants

*USD

Do you want to know more? - The CSF Program is collaboration between the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Visit the CFS Program Website for detailed information regarding the CSF Program and how to become a Coastal Solutions Fellow: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/coastal-fellowships>