



**Summer Institute for Climate Change Education
July 2021
Virtual Conference**

Call for Regional Cohort Leaders

Climate Generation is seeking leaders to join a national climate change education network and lead a regional cohort at the 2021 Summer Institute!

[Apply today](#)

Climate Generation is hosting the 16th annual [Summer Institute for Climate Change Education](#) in 2021! The three-day virtual training connects more than 250 educators and education leaders from across the country to grow as teachers and thought leaders in climate change education.

Interested in the details of our 2020 Summer Institute? Check out [this recap blog](#) and the [schedule of sessions and speakers](#).

The 2021 Summer Institute's theme will be: *A Regrounding in Truth*

Content will focus on:

- Grounding in Climate Science
- Combating Misinformation, Science Denial, and Developing Media Literacy
- Exploring Different Ways of Knowing
- Seeking Cultural Connection
- Beliefs in Stories and Personal Experiences
- Identifying and Defining the Role of "Experts"
- The Peoples' History of Climate Change
- Shifting Power and Voice to Marginalized Communities
- Teachers as Advocates for Youth Power

Climate Generation is [seeking cohort leaders](#) to facilitate a one-day virtual training during the Summer Institute for 20-50 educators as part of a regional cohort. We will select 8-10 cohort leaders from around the country to lead this regional component. Cohort leaders will work with Climate Generation staff before the Institute to learn about Climate Generation's framework and develop connections between the national and regional content.



Program Details:

What?

As a cohort leader your responsibilities will include:

- **Attend 3 planning meetings with Climate Generation staff.** You will receive a marketing plan and toolkit, training on the provided framework, support in planning your one-day training event, and opportunities for your feedback.
- **Lead a one-day regional, virtual training for 20 to 50 educators** using a provided framework on the second day of the Institute.
- **Participate in a 1.5 hour cohort leadership roundtable** on the first day of the Institute.

After the Summer Institute, we hope to stay connected with your organization, audiences, and/or network via our [Teach Climate Network](#). This partnership will provide on-going, year-round climate change education support in the form of monthly workshops and meetings, resources and curriculum sharing, pedagogical tips, and online networking.

Day 2 Regional Cohort Workshop Draft Agenda *subject to change

9:00AM	Cohort Meet and Greet
9:30AM-11:00AM	Speakers on Local Climate Change Impacts and Solutions, with an eye to climate justice leaders and case studies
11:00AM-1:30PM	Field Experience (plus lunch) This field experience will model how you can bring students outside to participate in experiential learning, so they can see their communities as a place of climate action. Using ArcGIS as our tool, we will go through the geo-inquiry process to explore climate solutions in our communities.
1:30PM-4:30PM	Reflection and Planning Working Sessions on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change Literacy Alignment - Curriculum Adaptation - Standards Alignment - Community Mapping

When?

The Summer Institute will be held virtually on three consecutive days either the week of July 19-23 or July 26-30.



Why?

We are calling on leaders like you to assist us in building regional, place-based support networks to address the challenge of keeping a national, virtual program grounded in place-based climate change education. **You are a strong leader in your community and your work is invaluable to the climate change education movement.** You will be recognized as a leader in Institute promotional materials reaching a nationwide network of more than 10,000 educators. Seize the opportunity to contribute your expertise to an emerging network of climate change leaders through participation in a facilitated roundtable where you will receive and provide peer feedback.

On-going professional development for climate change education is best done when connected to a community and includes observable local impacts and actionable solutions. We hope this collaborative model meets the goals of your mission and elevates your work to broader audiences. **As a regional cohort leader, you will assist educators with connecting Summer Institute content to their region and initiate a local network to support each other throughout the year.**

Who?

Priority will be given to organizations who have the following or demonstrate a commitment to any of the following areas:

- Experience in experiential or environmental education, social justice education, climate change education, climate justice, and/or climate science.
- Experience and on-going interest in teacher professional development, or deep connections to educators through environmental education, climate communication, climate policy, climate justice, and/or youth action
- A mission to prioritize equity, justice, and anti-racism.
- A mission to serve marginalized communities or support teachers who work with students from marginalized communities.
- A mission to develop and/or participate in a network to support and connect educators and other main actors in the education system, including NGOs, administrators, and community partners.

How?

- Register a minimum of 20 educators from your area to attend the 3-day Summer Institute as a member of your geographical cohort.
- Registration fee is \$250, and scholarships are available. Educators can apply for a full or partial registration scholarship.
- Your organization will receive \$100 per person who registers under your cohort, with an upper limit of \$5,000 allotted. You can use this money however you choose, with the possibility of giving some as stipends to educators.



- The registration fee for one cohort leader will be waived.
- Perform outreach and marketing using a toolkit created by Climate Generation.
- Your organization will be included in promotional materials, and we will share your information and links to resources on the Summer Institute virtual hub.

Contributions from Climate Generation

- National recognition as a leader in climate change education
- Mentorship in climate change education professional development
- Connection to a national network of interdisciplinary educators
- Long-term connection to climate change education leadership network
- Technological and programmatic support
- An Institute framework that makes national and international connections between climate change policy, justice, science, and education
- Support for regional cohort leader participation in climate change education and action that spans multiple geographical scales
- Funding to participate as a regional cohort leader at the Summer Institute (e.g. \$100 per registrant within your geographic region up to 50 teachers)

What Now?

Apply to be a regional cohort leader by [filling out this application](#)! Cohort applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to People of Color and marginalized communities. First review process will begin by February 1, 2021.