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Faith For Our Planet and Duke University

YOUTH INTERFAITH LEADERS FELLOWSHIP ON CLIMATE CHANGE

May 24th to 30th, 2025

About the fellowship

Faith For Our Planet, in collaboration with **Duke University's prestigious Divinity School**, is pleased to announce the open call for its second annual Youth Interfaith Leaders Fellowship on Climate Change.

We are offering a **fully funded*, week-long residential program at Duke University** for the next generation of faith-inspired climate leaders. It offers an invaluable opportunity for young people to be a part of a rapidly growing network of faith-inspired actors engaged in climate action.

Through lectures, interactive sessions, policy dialogues, and vocational training fellows will explore various ecotheological themes and develop transferable skills to create impactful faith-based climate action projects for their respective communities. The curriculum will be delivered by distinguished specialists in the field of theology, climate change, policy, media, and sustainable development.



* All travel, visa, accommodation, and subsistence costs will be covered by Faith For Our Planet

As part of the program, our fellows will:

- **Develop a comprehensive understanding** and application of faith values—specifically on the natural environment and how this connection informs the ideas of leadership, justice, and community—in their climate leadership and community mobilization efforts
- Acquire an **improved understanding of community dynamics** to tailor interventions that resonate with multi-faith/multi-cultural contexts
- **Refine communication skills** to become articulate, empathetic influencers, adept at both listening and shaping public discourse, guiding community opinion, and engaging decision-makers effectively
- Cultivate leadership that **embraces cultural and religious diversity**, strengthening inclusivity, trust, and equity within their mobilization endeavors
- Master the **curation of faith-based climate awareness initiatives and community-driven climate action projects**

Upon completion of the program, our Fellows will join the ranks of the **FFOP Fellowship Alumni Association**, providing them with various opportunities to be part of FFOP's regional events, as well as climate and interfaith campaigns.



Where will the 2025 fellowship be held?

FFOP Youth Interfaith Leaders Fellowship will be **hosted at Duke University**, widely considered one of the most prestigious universities in the world. It is reputed for producing globally reputed scholars and thinkers including 15 Nobel Laureates, and three Turing Award recipients.

The campus spans over 8,600 acres on three contiguous sub-campuses at the heart of which is the magnificent Duke Chapel indicative of the university's religious roots and spirit.

Building on that legacy and excellence, we have experts from the Duke Divinity School that have designed and will be delivering, this fellowship for the next generation of global interfaith leaders.

The background image shows the interior of the Duke Chapel, a large Gothic Revival church. The view is from the front of the sanctuary, looking down the central aisle. The architecture features high, vaulted ceilings with intricate ribbing, tall columns, and large stained-glass windows. The lighting is warm and golden, highlighting the stone details. A dark green semi-transparent box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing text.

Duke University's rich history of academic excellence, diverse community, and commitment to interfaith dialogue make it an ideal host for our annual

**Youth Interfaith Leaders'
Fellowship on Climate Change**

What are the fellowship eligibility criteria?

The fellowship seeks to attract 25 individuals, between the ages of 20 to 30. We hope to maintain an inclusive and diverse cohort with representation from different faiths, communities, abilities, genders, and sectors.

Participants entering the program should fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Be **20-30 years of age** (required)
- ✓ Have **education, volunteer, and/or work experience relevant to the themes** of the fellowship (climate, religion, community leadership, etc.)
- ✓ Have access to a **local network** (social, professional, religious, etc.) or a **willingness to mobilize accessible local networks**
- ✓ Have **an excellent command of the English language**



What are we looking for in our fellows?

The fellowship seeks to support proactive leaders and agents of change. As such, participants are expected to:

- ✓ **Commit their time for the entire duration of the fellowship** including any pre or post fellowship sessions necessary
- ✓ **Commit to lead a faith-based community climate action project.**
- ✓ **Demonstrate eagerness to learn and expand their professional networks** and to benefit from exposure at the fellowship
- ✓ **A strong commitment to diversity, inclusion, and interfaith cooperation**
- ✓ **Commit to FFOP Youth Alumni Association's** engagements and events



How to apply for the fellowship?

All prospective candidates must fill out the application form available on our website. Besides assessing candidates' eligibility for the program, **the online application contains questions on their skills, motivation, and relevant academic/professional/volunteer, and leadership experience.**

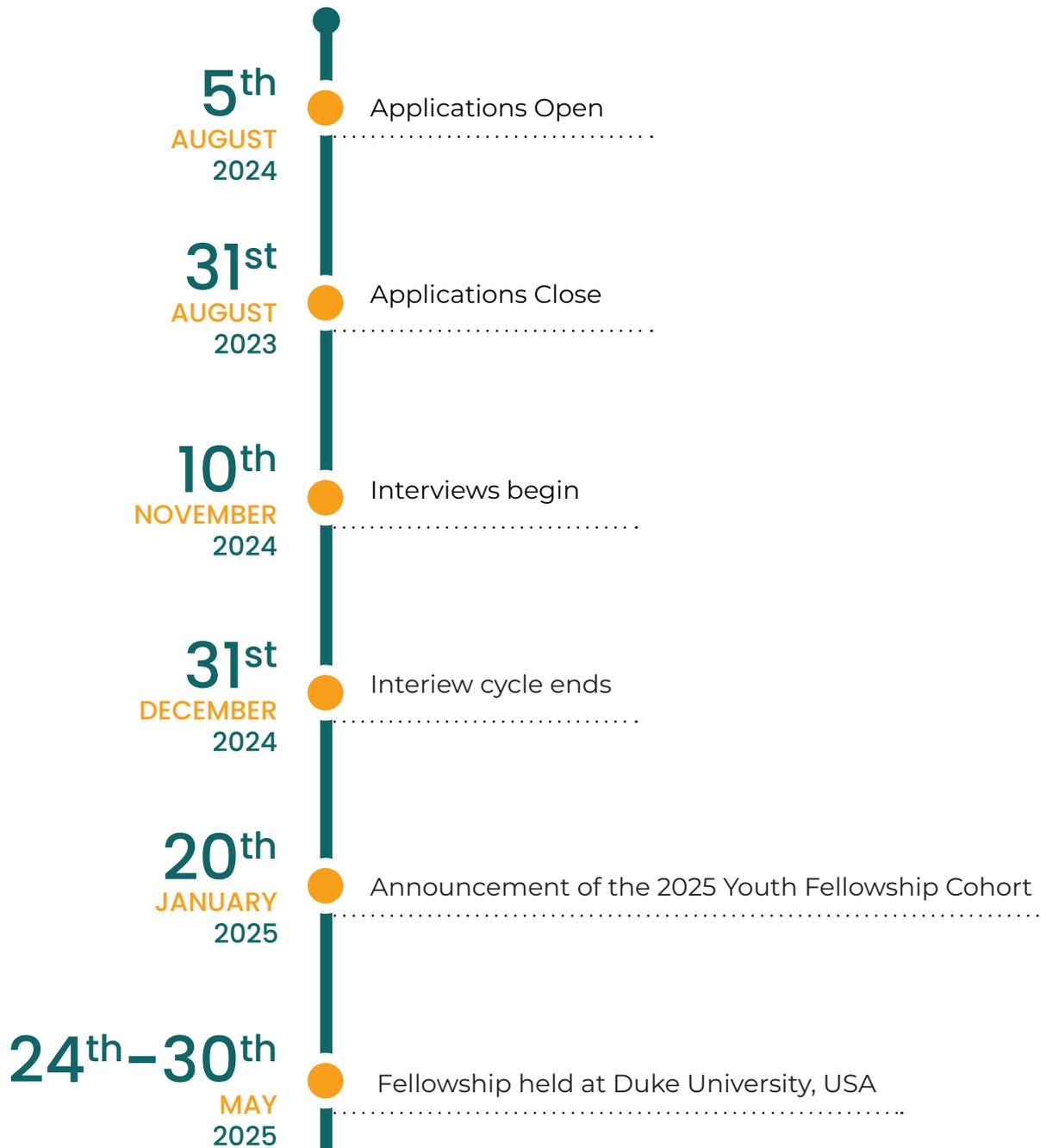
If successful, applicants will be contacted for an online interview and expected to submit their reference letter(s) within 7 days of getting shortlisted.

Only successful candidates, who clear both our application and interview process, will be notified of their selection via email.

[APPLY HERE](#)



Deadlines



About the Organizers



FFOP is a global not for profit organization that works to deliver climate education and training to religious leaders around the world. In doing so, we create partnerships and engagements across the Global North and South and facilitate connections between policymakers and grassroots activists.



Duke University is a private institution located in Durham, North Carolina. It is among the most prestigious universities in the country and the world. Our fellowship will be **hosted by the Duke Divinity School**, headed by Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric, in collaboration with other departments and faculty members at Duke. The Divinity School was established in 1926, and is **dedicated to providing rigorous theological education to cultivate better communities around the world.**



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