



APPLICANT'S GUIDE

Faith For Our Planet's

YOUTH INTERFAITH LEADERS FELLOWSHIP ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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in partnership with



About the fellowship

Faith For Our Planet, in partnership 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 eco-conscious faith leaders**. This is an invaluable opportunity for young climate conscious individuals from all faiths and walks of life to be part of a global network of religious 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 provided by Faith For Our Planet

As part the program, our fellows will benefit from knowledge on:

- The interplay between religious beliefs, environmental consciousness and climate action
- Systems thinking: Identifying the political and economic paradigms of climate change
- Project planning and community mobilization
- Strategic communications
- Climate advocacy and community outreach

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.



Note: FFOP has partnered with Duke Divinity School to provide a specifically designed training for selected fellows; the fellowship does not count towards a recognized qualification.

Where will the 2024 fellowship be held?

The FFOP Youth Fellowship is hosted at Duke University, widely considered as one of the most prestigious universities in the US and around the world. Duke is known for producing globally reputed international scholars. As of 2019, Duke has produced 15 Nobel Laureates and 3 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 the legacy and excellence at Duke, we have experts from 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 a large, ornate chapel with a high wooden ceiling, exposed beams, and several large, multi-paned stained glass windows. The floor is covered with rows of wooden chairs, and a small stage with a piano is visible in the distance. A semi-transparent teal rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text in orange and white.

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

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Fellowship on Climate Change**

What is the fellowship eligibility criteria?

The fellowship is open to young people studying or working in the field of eco-theology, religious leaders in-training with an interest in the environment, community or climate activists, early career professionals, and those in the nongovernmental sector working on climate change.

Participants entering the program should:

- be between the **ages of 20 to 35** (required)
- have **acquired or be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program** (be at least in the 3rd year of their degree program)
- **A degree in environment, religious studies, philosophy, or any number of relevant fields is preferred.** Equally, relevant work experience (paid, volunteer, internships, etc.) are also considered
- an **established local network** (social, professional, religious, etc.) **or willingness to mobilize accessible local network,**
- a keen interest in **learning about the interplay of religious beliefs and environmental stewardship**
- commitment to lead a **faith-based climate action project,**
- good **communication skills and a fluency in English,**
- a strong **commitment to diversity, inclusion, and interfaith cooperation.**



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 FFOP Youth Alumni Association's** engagements and events
- ✓ **Commit to working on a 3-month project focused on making a positive impact at a local, national, and/or international level.** The project should leverage what they have learned during their time at the fellowship on (inter)faith-based climate action
- ✓ **Demonstrate eagerness to learn and expand their professional networks** and to benefit from exposure at the fellowship
- ✓ **Demonstrate commitment to become leaders** in their communities



How to apply for the fellowship?

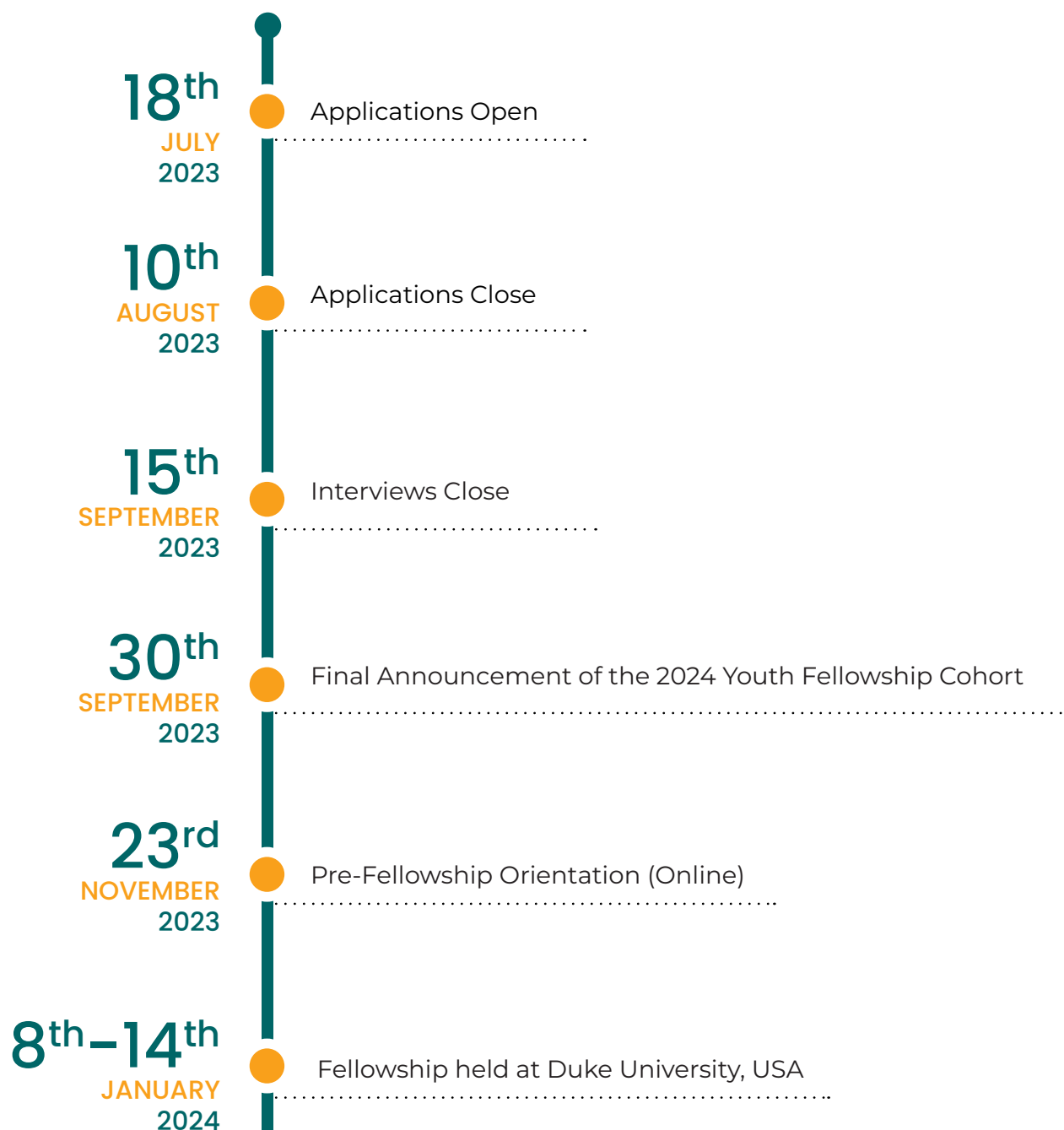
All nominating **agencies and prospective candidates must fill out the application form available on our website.** Your application and profile will be assessed by a panel of the Faith For Our Planet Program Coordinators. Besides assessing candidate's basic eligibility for the program, **the online 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.**

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Deadlines



About the Organizers



FFOP is a global non-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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