



environmental leadership program

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Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is currently seeking candidates for Eastern Regional Network (DE, NJ, NY, Eastern PA) Advisory Committee. We aim for a broad cross-section of leadership from across the environmental field, drawing from the non-profit, government, academic and private sectors. A strong commitment to nurturing a diverse community of up-and-coming leaders is imperative, as well as an interest in fostering dialogue about complex and challenging issues facing the environmental field. A capacity to help the regional network program develop strategically and financially is highly desirable.

Overview of ELP Regional Network Program

ELP's Regional Network Programs build capacity of promising emerging environmental leaders in designated regions across the United States. Each year a class of 18-22 Fellows is chosen from each region to join the ELP community of environmental and social change professionals. The ELP community is comprised of individuals from diverse backgrounds, sectors and areas of expertise. The year-long training series offers unique networking opportunities, intensive leadership and skills training, support and time for personal and professional reflection. Following successful completion of the training, Fellows will have an opportunity to apply for project seed money to conduct regionally-based environmental projects. Participation in the fellowship program is free of charge due to the generosity of ELP funders. The Regional Networks Program provides an opportunity for talented individuals to garner professional recognition and have a substantial impact on the environmental movement through collaboration with other emerging leaders.

Job Description

ELP Advisory Committee members are civic leaders from all sectors across the region and are active members of the ELP Community. ELP takes seriously the critical stewardship role these veteran leaders play in the organization's development. ELP Advisory Committee members serve a two-year term with the option to re-new.

Required

- Regular participation in one in-person meeting scheduled in coordination with Fellowship Orientation Retreat
- 2 additional conference calls or in-person committee meetings each year

- Help identify and mobilize resources and partners to support the regional network and its continued sustainability in the region – most notably through ELP’s Celebration of Leadership Event
- Lending one’s name to the regional program
- Staying up to date on ELP happenings to speak effectively to potential funders, applicants and partners
- Assisting with connections to applicants, program partners, media, etc.
- Facilitate the development of relationships between ELP and potential partnering organizations, foundations and/or individual donors

In addition, we hope you will consider how your affiliation with the ELP community can impact the environmental movement in the region and how your sphere of influence can contribute to the richness of the ELP community. As such, we would like you to:

- Host or co-host an event
- Attend at least one ELP event per year including: retreats, receptions or other public gatherings
- Build a relationship with at least one regional fellow
- Participate on selection committees

Time Commitment

- In-person advisory committee meetings will take place the morning of the orientation retreat each year (approximately 1 – 2 hours)
- Conference call or additional in-person committee meetings of the committee to take place twice a year (approximately 1 – 1.5 hours/meeting)