

EMERGING WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LEADERS

Participant Application

*This form and the questionnaire link must be completed and submitted with resume by
5pm Eastern Standard Time, Sunday, October 31st, 2021.*

The EWCL training program helps jump-start early career conservation professionals through a combination of skills training, networking opportunities and the completion of a wildlife conservation initiative that provides real benefits to imperiled species. EWCL training addresses a long-standing need for capable leaders in the international conservation field who are equipped with a full arsenal of skills to launch well-rounded and successful conservation campaigns and build successful leadership careers in the wildlife conservation profession. For more information, please go to www.WildlifeLeaders.org

Successful applicants will have worked in the conservation field for at least three years and plan to work at least 15 more years, can attend a week-long training each spring in Florida in 2022 and 2023, as well as a shorter training in Washington DC in winter 2023, will commit to devoting approximately eight hours per month to an EWCL conservation project, and can demonstrate how they might benefit from all key aspects of the course. ***The first training will be held May 16 – 20, 2022.***

Note: Each class cohort is selected to have a wide variety of experience in education, training, affiliation, and personal backgrounds, to allow for the most balanced participant group possible. Participants will be expected to devote time throughout the two-year period, designing and implementing a group wildlife conservation project. The amount of time will vary monthly during the course of the program.

I. APPLICATION TIPS:

1. Applications are submitted through an online survey. You cannot save your progress. We suggest working on the essay questions (below) outside of the application, then pasting your answers into the application form when you are ready to submit.
2. Partial or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please fill out all required fields and follow maximum word count parameters.
3. To upload your resume/CV you will need a Gmail address. If you do not have a Gmail address, please submit your resume/CV separately to Laura Gruber at Training@White-Oak.org with the subject line "Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders Application"
4. You will receive a notification confirming your application has been received. All applicants will receive updates on their application via email in January 2022. Be sure the @white-oak.org domain is on your 'safe sender' list to avoid having messages go to your spam folder.

II. QUESTIONNAIRE

Please use the appropriate link to submit your application:

- **For domestic, U.S. based applicants:** <https://forms.gle/pFc8Zo8Sxw1Pro7Q9>
- **For international or U.S. applicants living abroad:** <https://forms.gle/tZEHmH98Qe6tdSL66>

In addition to the below essay questions, you will be asked for contact information of your current supervisor and two wildlife conservation references.

If you are unable to use the above link please email training@white-oak.org with the subject line 'EWCL application assistance'

III. ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1) **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMITMENT:** Please describe your commitment to international wildlife conservation, including species and other campaigns on which you've personally worked (Maximum 500 words).
- 2) **LEADERSHIP SKILLS:** Please describe why you consider yourself an emerging leader in the wildlife conservation field, and where you would like to ultimately end up in your professional career. (500 words max)
- 3) **TRAINING:** Of the below training topics, which two do you believe you have the most strength/experience in? Which two would be most useful to you? Do you have additional training topic suggestions? (200 words max).
 - Training topics: Biodiversity, Leadership Training, Campaign Skills, Communications/Media, Public Speaking, Facilitation/Mediation, Field Research, Policy/Legislative Process, Environmental Education, and Fundraising.
- 4) **TEAM WORK:** Please provide an example of a time you worked in a successful team setting and describe how you contributed to its success (200 words max).
- 5) **OVERVIEW:** What do you hope to gain from the EWCL experience overall? (300 words max).
- 6) If you were an animal, what animal would you be? (100 words max).

IV. HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are due by 5pm Eastern Standard Time, Sunday, October 31st, 2021. All candidates will complete the appropriate questionnaire link **and** submit a resume/CV to complete their application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only electronic submissions will be accepted (.doc, .docx, or .pdf only).

If you cannot submit all application materials through the application link, please email Laura Gruber, at: training@white-oak.org, with the subject line “EWCL Application Assistance”. Candidates from under-represented groups in conservation are strongly encouraged to apply. Accepted applicants will be notified in January 2022.

V. ADDITIONAL INFO:

The Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders minimizes training costs through in-kind donations and foundation support. We expect participants to capitalize on training development support programs or staff development training opportunities provided by their organization to pay for these costs when they are available. However, your ability to contribute to course costs with organizational support **WILL NOT** factor into whether or not you are accepted into the program.