



Invitation to Apply: Environment 2042 Leadership Program

Center for Diversity & the Environment is honored and pleased to announce that through funding provided by the Pisces Foundation, we are offering an Environment 2042 Leadership Program (E42) for up to 30 leaders from the environmental education field. The purpose of the E42 is to grow a diverse and inclusive regional (Washington, Oregon and California) network and community of leaders who have the knowledge, support, and agency to bring about a more equitable and culturally expansive environmental education movement (broadly defined to include culturally specific educators; folks working on environmental justice; environmental educators; and others).

There is a great opportunity for environmental education to evolve as a field to better reflect and engage Indigenous people, Black people and all People of Color. It will require a broad, systemic shift in how we approach EE. We need a strong, diverse network of EE leaders to envision, instigate, and guide that shift. Channeling their collective power, participants will engage in deep personal, interpersonal, organizational, and systems-wide change work to reimagine and redefine environmental education.

The Environment 2042 Leadership Program is a training that ushers participants through a deeply impactful and transformative learning process. The program includes decolonizing work, racial equity training, relationship & community building, and skill building to develop action-based solutions at the movement-wide, organizational, interpersonal, and individual levels. E42 provides an intersection of diversity training and leadership development, which in turn builds capacity in diversity change work. These programs are not just professional journeys, but also personal ones. Graduates act as a diaspora of diversity leaders who are ambassadors of a new paradigm. Every change agent operates in a sphere of influence, and the ripple effects have an exponential impact on the environmental movement as a whole.

Selecting a balanced cohort is a critical and unique element of the E42 program. **We encourage you to apply to become a member of a regionally recruited team with partners across multiple dimensions of diversity.** Participants for the E42 will be chosen from applicants who demonstrate a solid grounding and commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Please read on for more information and a link to apply. Please reach out to Queta González or Tanya Pluth with your questions and inquiries.

Warm regards,

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Why participate in the Environment 2042 Leadership Cohort?

We are facing on-going challenges that demonstrate more than ever the interconnections between environmental, social, and economic issues, including social/environmental injustices, loss of species, habitat degradation, water and air pollution, health epidemics, and a changing climate. Solving these complex challenges requires an approach that allows us to understand different points of view, analyze problems, balance competing needs, and take informed action as engaged community members.

The leadership within the environmental movement does not accurately reflect the growing Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and Communities of Color populations across the United States nor the current and rapidly changing face of the U.S.—a face that is about 36% people of color and will grow to 50% people of color by 2043, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Without the active involvement of Indigenous, Black and People of Color, our ability to work together to solve our future's interconnected challenges will be severely hindered.

The purpose of the Environment 2042 Leadership Program is, through transformative experiences, to create a cadre of change agents that will build a more equitable, diverse and inclusive environmental movement and just society. The goals of this program include:

- Developing leaders who are committed to effectively moving equity, diversity and inclusion forward in their sphere of influence.
- Relationship and community building, especially across race and ethnicity.
- Encouraging innovation through the exchange of ideas among people with diverse perspectives.
- Learning about and raising awareness of equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Strengthening the environmental education movement by uplifting all voices.
- Applying learning to action.

Please join us

The E42 exemplifies a diverse, inclusive culture, demonstrating how environmental organizations need to operate to be successful. The cohort includes representation across various dimensions of diversity with a strong emphasis on racial and ethnic diversity. The facilitated retreat will include: racial equity training, understanding environmental and racial history, relationship and community building, skills to lead organizational change, and tools to develop action-based solutions.



Applying for the 2022 E42 Leadership Cohort means you are committing to:

- **Attending all E42 Leadership Cohort retreats, coaching sessions and trainings.**
- Fully engage, participate and co-create the experience of the cohort.
- Move diversity, equity, and inclusion forward in your sphere of influence.
- Work through difficult and uncomfortable conversations.
- Explore the various layers of inclusion, diversity and equity on personal, interpersonal/group and organizational/systems levels.
- The E42 is supported through grant funds. We also ask participants to contribute a sliding scale match amount from \$0 - \$2000 based on the annual budget of your organization.

We invite you to apply for the 2042 Leadership Program.

- You are welcome to apply. Complete the application via surveymonkey:
 - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/E42_EE_application_2023
- There are a number of narrative questions in the survey. We encourage creative responses to these questions. Past participants have:
 - Requested an interview to talk through the questions rather than writing them.
 - Prepared a video, artwork, poem, or other creative work that speaks to the E42 program outcomes and why you want to participate in the program.
- Please note: **only completed applications will be considered.**

Feedback from past full-program E42 Leadership participants:

“[The E42 Leadership Program] has been life changing in many ways. I used to hear the phrase, ‘equity lens’, and kind of convinced myself that I understood intellectually what that meant, but I never really felt that I fully grasped the true definition and what it would feel like to truly view the world through that lens. I felt that it was a viewpoint that I could or had to turn on and off for the appropriate situation. Through this experience, I have learned that an equity lens, once graced with it, is the only way to view everything. all the time, in all that we do.”

“[The E42 Leadership Program] made me realize how important it is to get out of the daily work environment to reflect, and how incredibly effective this particular experience was in making an impact on every single participant--more so than other retreats. It is very comforting to know that there are 20 individuals who have jointly made a life commitment championing diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

“Honestly, it's hard to describe something that's so transformational. It's meant that I will raise my children differently. I will make decisions that will be different. I will guide a region-wide program that will now address issues of inclusion and equity. When I see racism, I will no longer question if I saw something but rather speak out.”



Environment 2042 Leadership Program - Overview

Our time together is designed with a content progression as a starting point, and we are committed to meeting learners where they are, inviting the participants' collective wisdom, and following an emergent process that models a decolonized approach to learning. We aim to support authentic learning, community and relationship building through a decolonized approach to training, facilitation and engagement.

E42 West Coast Environmental Educators		
Date	Program	Facilitator
Thurs. Oct. 19th	11am – 1pm Pacific Time, virtual 2-hour cohort welcome and kick-off session Community building and celebrating E42 Launch	Center for Diversity & the Environment
Oct 30th – Nov 3rd	Mon – Fri 9am – 1pm Pacific Time, virtual 1 st Retreat: Building the Foundation.	Center for Diversity & the Environment
Tues. Nov. 15th	11am – 1pm Pacific Time, virtual 2 hour Cohort Coaching session	Center for Diversity & the Environment
Nov 28th – 30th	Tues, Weds 9am – 5pm, Pacific Time, Virtual Thurs. 9am – 12pm, Pacific time, Virtual 2 nd Retreat: Racial Equity Training	Racial Equity Institute and Center for Diversity & the Environment
Wed Dec 13th	11am – 1pm Pacific Time, virtual 2 hour Cohort Coaching session	Center for Diversity & the Environment a
Jan 8th – 11th 2024	Mon – Fri 9am – 1pm Pacific Time, Virtual 3rd retreat	Center for Diversity & the Environment
Wednesdays Jan 24th Feb 7th Feb 24th March 6th	9am – 1pm Pacific Time, Virtual Half-day ongoing training sessions 5 sessions, 4 hours per session	Center for Diversity & the Environment



About the Center for Diversity & the Environment

CDE is an Indigenous, Black and People of Color founded and led organization whose work focuses on the challenges and opportunities we have before us in our efforts to align the environmental movement with an increasingly multicultural and diverse society. The Center for Diversity and the Environment harnesses the power of racial and ethnic diversity to transform the US environmental movement by developing leaders, catalyzing change within institutions, and building alliances. We envision a healthy, flourishing planet and society that sustainably and equitably meets the needs of all through an environmental movement that is diverse, inclusive, successful, vibrant, and relevant, taking into account the needs, perspectives, and voices of all. By serving as an advocate, strategist, convener, connector, and educator for diversifying the environmental movement, the Center for Diversity & the Environment is building a movement of leaders and institutions representing a broad cross-section of environmental issues that are dedicated to a more inclusive and unified movement.

About the Pisces Foundation

Support for this program is provided by a grant from the Pisces Foundation, which seeks ways to accelerate to a world where people and nature thrive together.

The Pisces Foundation believes if we act now and boldly, we can quickly accelerate to a world where people and nature thrive together. Pisces mainstreams powerful new solutions to support innovators who know what it takes and are doing what's necessary to have clean and abundant water, a safe climate, and kids with the environmental know-how to create a sustainable world. To learn more about Pisces' work and collaborations visit: <http://piscesfoundation.org/>