



Agenda

- What is the California Climate Action Corps?
- What is CivicSpark's role in the Climate Action Corps?
- What to Expect as a Fellow
- Q&A

The slide features a background image of a group of people in white t-shirts. The agenda items are listed in a dark grey box. Logos for CivicSpark and California Climate Action Corps are at the bottom.

Turning State Attention Toward Climate



CLIMATE: CALIFORNIA STATE CLIMATE GOALS

- Reduce GHGs, increase community resilience, enhance recovery efforts
- Enhance climate resilience



EQUITY: CALIFORNIA STATE EQUITY GOALS

- Create benefits IN frontline communities
- Create benefits FOR frontline communities



AN ETHIC OF SERVICE

- Create an opportunity for service
- Employ Californians in pathways for 'high-road' jobs



Mission Statement

Empower Californians to take meaningful action to serve and help protect our most vulnerable communities against the harshest impacts of climate change.



CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION CORPS:

Meeting and Engaging Californians Where They Are

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION CORPS

Level	Description
Jobs	Pathways and bridges to jobs and careers
Terms of Service	Full-time service positions to organize climate projects and scaled volunteer opportunities in front-line communities around the state
Colleges and University Partnerships	Semesters and Summers of Service with university and schools partnerships to organize students around the state (Fall 2021)
Corporate Partnerships	Corporate sponsored 'Days of Service' and other activities with corporate employees
Organized Service	Statewide online hub of organizations and projects individuals can join to take climate action in their communities
Individual Actions	Top climate actions individuals can take by themselves or from the comfort of their own home that will be tracked and measured for collective statewide impact

California Climate Action Corps Pilot Service Program

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What is it

- 7.5 month service fellowship
- Fellows are embedded with host partners
- Projects focus on
 - Realizing Climate Impacts
 - Mobilizing Community Engagement
- State level engagement and support
- Pilot is focused on 5 Pilot Cities
 - Fresno, Stockton, Redlands, San Jose, Los Angeles



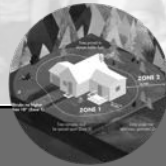
Focus Areas



URBAN / FOREST
TREES



RECOVER-ABLE
FOOD WASTE



HOME
HARDENING



WATER
EFFICIENCY



SOLAR
ROOFTOPS

YEAR 1

YEAR 2



State Support and Engagement

- The voice and reach of the Governor's Office
- Community and statewide connections
- A platform to share and celebrate successes



Fellowship Implementation



Local
Government
Commission



CivicSpark

CALIFORNIA
VOLUNTEERS



What is CivicSpark

- California AmeriCorps program
 - Addresses emerging environmental & social equity challenges through public sector capacity building
- Proven Track record
 - Almost 400 CivicSpark Fellows provided more than 650,000 hours of service to over 250 public agencies through 600+ projects.
- Strong Alumni Outcomes
 - 83% of alumni are in a relevant career path and 69% report that CivicSpark had a significant impact on their lives and careers



What is the Fellow Experience?

- Service Projects
- Volunteer Engagement
- Professional Development
- Changes due to COVID
- Qualifications, benefits, and timeline



Service Projects

- Elements
 - Focus on vulnerabilities
 - Climate benefits
 - Community engagement / volunteerism
 - Capacity building
- Steps
 - Gap Assessments to refine / align project scope
 - Implementation of project
 - Transition of knowledge



Professional Development

- Project implementation experience
- Structured trainings and engagement activities
- Professional development support
- Networking locally and statewide



Adapting to COVID-19

- Overall
 - Focused on having an impactful program even when remote
- Project Activities
 - Some projects will be “on-site” or have field components.
 - Some will be mostly or fully remote.
- Day-to-Day Support
 - Identifying virtual and indirect ways to support Fellows and Host Partners
- Training
 - Developing more virtual systems and strategies



Is Climate Action Corps Right For Me?

- What Climate Action Corps is:
 - A great opportunity to build skill sets
 - An entry point into the climate field,
 - A chance to make a lasting community impact
- What it is NOT:
 - An internship or temporary job



Fellow Qualifications

- AmeriCorps Requirements
 - Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the US
 - Ability to pass state and national criminal background check and National Sex Offender Public Registry checks
- Climate Action Corps Requirements
 - A 2 or 4-year degree (i.e. AA, BA/BS)
 - Commitment to 7.5 months, 1,200+ hours
 - Capability to work in a professional setting
 - Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Strongly preferred
 - A degree in a related field
 - One year of relevant experience
 - Past service experience (e.g., volunteering, community service, etc.)
 - Experience with, or training in, outreach, facilitation and/or education
 - Be local to community you're serving in



Fellow Benefits

- \$14,000 Living Allowance
- \$4,336.50 Segal Education Award
- Forbearance and interest payments on qualifying student loans
- SNAP/Food Stamps (if eligible)
- Childcare Assistance



Timeline

- September 24, 2020: Fellow Application opens
- October 23, 2020: Deadline for Fellow Applications
- October 1 - November 1: Fellow interviews
- November 1 – January 1: Fellow matching
- January 11, 2021: Service begins
- August 27, 2021: Service ends



Learn more at:

civicspark.lgc.org/join-civicspark/ccacfellow

QUESTION AND ANSWER

