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## Call for Applications for 2020 Fellows

**Deadline for pre-proposal submission: May 31, 2019**

Millions of shorebirds migrate thousands of miles annually along a network of stopover and wintering sites known as the Pacific Americas Flyway (PAF). These coastal wetlands, estuaries, and beaches also provide critical ecosystem services needed to support the well-being of growing coastal communities. Changing climatic conditions and increasing rates of coastal development are currently threatening the integrity of many of these sites. To address these complex challenges, place-based solutions are needed that combine knowledge, expertise, and creative ideas from multiple sectors and disciplines in order to strike a balance between the conservation and development of coastal ecosystems.

**Fellows Program.** The Coastal Solutions Fellows Program was designed to create a collaborative community of developers, planners, and scientists who are passionate about developing new solutions to pressing coastal challenges. For the next decade, the Program will provide funding and training for early-career professionals to implement projects that develop and implement innovative approaches for balancing development, management, and conservation along the PAF in Latin America.

**Benefits and highlights.** The two-year fellowship includes a USD \$80,000 cash award for stipend support, project development, and training opportunities. Mentorship and cross-sector collaborations are key components of the fellowship. Mentors are expected to provide guidance during the fellowship tenure, while a cross-sector collaborator will contribute different perspectives and approaches for achieving desired project outcomes. Fellows can also propose to use funds to cover activities such as traveling abroad for professional development. The Program includes two required retreats that combine peer-to-peer learning and strategic trainings. Senior fellows are also eligible for collaboration grants to continue working on coastal solutions after their fellowship tenure.

**Eligibility requirements.** We are looking for exceptional candidates who are motivated to work across sectors and develop new approaches to sustainable development and the conservation of coastal ecosystems. Candidates must be Latin American citizens or residents and have less than 10 years of experience in their field. We are looking for professionals based at for-profit and non-profit institutions from the planning, science, design, development, and AEC sectors

(architecture, engineering and construction). We are also accepting proposals from graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, and early-career faculty based at Universities and research institutions.

**Application process.** Interested applicants should carefully read the [pre-proposal guidelines](#) before preparing and submitting a pre-proposal. The deadline to submit pre-proposals is **May 31, 2019**. Please submit your pre-proposal as a single PDF file to [csfellows@cornell.edu](mailto:csfellows@cornell.edu) using the following naming criteria: NameLastname\_Preproposal2018 (e.g., JohnSmith\_Preproposal2019).



Pre-proposals will be evaluated and prioritized based on the following criteria:

- The applicant's potential of being a leader in his or her field, and the ability to integrate different sectors in his or her professional development.
- Desired outcomes of the project are feasible and align with the goals of the CSF Program.
- Potential for cross-sector collaboration.
- Potential impact on priority sites along the PAF.

**Next steps.** Program staff will notify candidates about the status of their pre-proposals in early July, 2019. Candidates whose pre-proposals are approved will receive an invitation to submit a full proposal. The deadline for full proposals is August 16, 2019, and final decisions will be announced in October 2018.

**Find out more.** For more information about the Program, eligibility, and the application process, please visit [www.solucionescosteras.org](http://www.solucionescosteras.org) or email [csfellows@cornell.edu](mailto:csfellows@cornell.edu).