



Fundamentals of Western Conservation Leadership: Through the Looking Glass 2023-2024

Statement of Interest Form

Name:

Organization/Agency/Partnership:

Title:

Current Area of Expertise:

Years in Conservation Profession:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Supervisor's Name and Title (if applicable):

Personal Statement: In 1-2 pages (max 1500 words), explain why you are interested in participating in **Fundamentals of Western Conservation Leadership: Through the Looking Glass 2023-2024**. Address the following:

- Why are you interested in this course?
- What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing western conservation today (top three)?
- What unique perspective do you think you might provide in this training? (e.g., age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, values/beliefs, communication style, country of birth, education, geographic diversity, religion/spirituality, disability, etc.)
- What do you hope to gain from this course to affect change in your work and organization?
- What do you find most challenging about exercising leadership? Please be specific.

Commitment Statement: If offered the opportunity to participate in this course, I will commit to the time required to **actively engage in all trainings (in-person and virtual) and associated teamwork (approximately 20%)**. Teams will meet regularly on specific assignments, which are required to complete the course. I have discussed this time requirement with my supervisor, who supports my attendance and the associated work.

Signature: _____

Support Letter:

Please briefly address the applicant's ability in the following areas (1-2 pages):

- Leading organizational change
- Appetite for innovation and experimentation
- Appreciation of diverse perspectives
- Building partnerships and/or coalitions
- Resilience under pressure or conflict

Additionally, please express approval for the applicant to actively participate in all elements of the course (see requirement above).

Submission Instructions:

Submit the materials listed below to: **aliduvall@ecoalliancesforchange.com by May 12, 2023.**

1. Statement of Interest form (this form) with signed commitment statement
 - saved under the name "WCLDP2023form – YourLastName"
2. Personal statement
 - saved under the file name "WCLDP2023statement – YourLastName"
3. Support letter from your Director, CEO, or Supervisor*
 - save as "WCLDP2023support letter – YourLastName"

*Note, if you are a private landowner or Tribal representative, please seek a letter of support from a partnership-based group or the Tribal organization in which you are a part to provide additional perspective on your leadership qualities.

Please direct questions to:

Ali Duvall, WCLDP Coordinator, aliduvall@ecoalliancesforchange.com, 406-370-5047