



Climate Educators Fund

The Earth Journalism Network has created the Climate Educators Fund to support the development of a global network dedicated to teaching and inspiring a new generation of young and aspiring journalists and communicators about the human dimensions of climate change.

Climate change could be the biggest story of the 21st century, affecting societies, economies and individuals on a grand scale. Equally enormous are the adjustments that will have to be made to our energy and transportation systems, economies and societies, if we are to mitigate climate change.

For young people around the world, climate change means a lifetime of vulnerability to unpredictable and increasingly persistent climate risks. Despite bearing the least responsibility the conditions accelerating climate change, young people will face the most consequences.

This grant opportunity represents a challenge to educators throughout the world to build the capacity of young and aspiring journalists and communicators access and understand climate information and the means to express their perspectives.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS DOES THIS GRANT OPPORTUNITY SUPPORT?

The Climate Educators Fund is focused on creating, localizing, and sharing training methodologies and materials among individuals and organizations whose focus is on teaching climate change communication. This fund has flexible spending guidelines that enable educators to experiment with teaching approaches, invest in activities tied to their curriculum, and respond to communities' needs outside the classroom.

Projects funded by this grant should have a strong thematic focus on climate change. Applications that include youth-dimensions or training opportunities for young journalists are preferred. For this year, we would also consider projects that enable young journalists to report about or possibly attend the COP21 Climate Summit in December, 2015.

While content production is an important aspect of any project, applications without some form of educational and/or capacity-building component will not be considered. Examples of previous grants projects include:

- [European Youth Press](#)' "Reporting on the Green Economy" project challenged 50 young journalists from across **Europe** to file media reports about green economy success stories and green solutions in their communities. Winners of the story writing competition were awarded with a fellowship to the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development.
- In **Argentina**, [Claves21](#), an environmental news site led by new media specialists and university professors in environmental journalism, developed a series of Spanish language training materials, organized webinars on a variety of environmental topics, and coordinated a story writing competition for young journalists.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT?

The Climate Educators fund is designed to support teachers, university professors, professional trainers or journalism student organizations. Applicants should note their affiliations with educational organizations or provide detailed plans about how this project would facilitate the creation of a new organization.

As Internews is strictly a media development organization, please avoid any applications rooted in advocacy or political campaigning.

WHERE CAN THIS FUNDING BE USED?

We are predominantly focused on the developing world, where the need is often the greatest but the pool of available resources is limited; however, we are open to proposals from anywhere.

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR THE GRANTS?

This grant fund contains 50,000 USD and ideally will be allocated to 5 projects. While the average for each grant is approximately 10,000 USD, we can provide funding over the average for projects that demonstrates a critical need.

The deadline for applications is **August 14, 2015**.

- Grantees are expected to give their full cooperation in monitoring and evaluating the results of the projects, and are encouraged to submit their own monitoring and evaluation plan along with their application. The final monitoring and evaluation plan will be agreed upon by EJN and each individual grantee.
- Applications should include a budget using [this form](#)
- The projects are generally expected to take place this year, and we are particularly looking to see a lot of activity carried out prior to the COP21 Climate Summit held in early December, 2015. Final reports for accepted projects must be filed no later than **June 30, 2016**
- Projects that can offer or raise co-financing to complement EJN's support will be favorably viewed