



Coastal Climate Solutions Leaders 2024 Application

We welcome applications from all disciplines for the 2024 cohort of Coastal Climate Solutions Leaders (CCSL). CCSL is a new transdisciplinary NSERC CREATE (Collaborative Research And Training Experience Program) training program that provides UVic graduate students and post-doctoral fellows from across campus with the knowledge and skills they need to be tomorrow's climate solutions leaders. Trainees carry out their research in their home department, with CCSL as value-added technical, experiential, and professional development training to prepare them for the climate action workforce. CCSL graduate trainees receive top-up stipends to their regular funding (2 years for Masters students; 3 years for PhD students).

Applicants who meet the following criteria will be considered for admission:

- Applicant must already be in, or be accepted to, a Masters, PhD or postdoctoral program at the University of Victoria;
- Applicant's research, or proposed research, aligns with the program, being focused on a component of climate change (science, impacts, adaptation or mitigation) that is relevant to coastal communities or ecosystems. Interdisciplinarity is encouraged;
- Applicant demonstrates awareness of, and motivation to learn more, about climate change solutions, to work in an interdisciplinary environment, and to commit to the required program elements. Note that in Year 1, this includes a mandatory two-day Program Orientation (scheduled for Sept. 3 and 4), one course in the fall semester (Climate Solutions Foundations), one course in the spring semester (BC Coastal Climate Challenge), attending a climate change seminar once a month, and presenting at our annual symposium at the end of the academic year. Trainees remain in the program for the duration of their graduate degrees to ensure continued development of cohorts and skills, but with lower time commitments in subsequent years. Please ensure that you review program details on the [Coastal Climate Solutions Leaders](#) website;
- Preference will be given to students who are supervised (or co-supervised) by faculty members who are on the [Core CCSL Faculty Team](#). At minimum, applicants must state (1) preferred Committee Member from the Core CCSL Faculty team. Overall, interdisciplinary committees are highly encouraged.
- Applicant submits a completed application and 2-page CV, and arranges to have two reference letters (one from their UVic Supervisor), by the application deadline to: csl.coordinator@uvic.ca

We acknowledge that significant biases and barriers to recruitment and advancement remain for women and many other equity deserving groups. We commit to CCSL being a diverse and inclusive training program, and will recruit at least 50% women and 30% of trainees from other equity deserving groups, in alignment with the [Government of Canada's 50-30 Challenge](#). Our selection process will reflect this commitment, and all members of our selection panel will have completed UVic's 'Increasing equity in decision processes' training to help mitigate their own unconscious biases and to facilitate an equitable selection process.

2024 Application Deadline: June 1, 2024

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A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Level of Study (Master's, PhD, Postdoc):

Program Home Department:

Program Start Date:

Supervisor(s):

Preferred Committee Member from CCSL Core Faculty Team (if not supervised by a Core Faculty):

Please describe all of your sources of funding for your graduate program or post-doc at UVic, demonstrating how you will be funded in the 2024-2025 academic year. For each funding source (e.g. Scholarships, Teaching Assistantships (TAs), Research Assistantships (RAs), Co-op Job Placements) **include total annual dollar amounts, start- and end-dates.**

Include funding applied for and when funding outcomes are expected, but do not include funding that will have ended before September 2024.

B. RESEARCH RELEVANCE

Briefly describe your proposed or current research project at UVic, including its relevance to climate change solutions, and any established or proposed collaborative partners (max. 150 words).

C. EXPERIENCE

Describe your relevant academic, work, and/or research work experience, including any noteworthy achievements, relevant skills, knowledge or experiences that you would bring to the program (max. 300 words).

D. PROGRAM MOTIVATION

Describe your motivation to participate in this new training program, including what you hope to get out of participating the program, how it aligns with your career goals, and why you believe you are well-suited to being a member of a CCSL cohort (max. 500 words).

E. SELF-IDENTIFICATION FORM

Rationale. CCSL is aiming to establish diverse cohorts of trainees, such that the program will align with the [Government of Canada's 50-30 Challenge](#), which strives to improve access for women and/or non-binary people and other equity deserving groups, including those identifying as: Racialized, Black, and/or People of Colour (“Visible Minorities”), People with disabilities (including invisible and episodic disabilities), 2SLGBTQ+ and/or gender and sexually diverse individuals, and Aboriginal and/or Indigenous Peoples.

Information Confidentiality. Your response to this form will be stored separately from the rest of your application in a secure folder at the university and will only be accessible by the Program Director, Dr. Julia Baum, and the Program Coordinator Isabella Gonzalez. This information will be used to ensure an equitable selection process and the diversity of the CCSL training cohort.

1. Do you self-identify as a member of any of the above equity-seeking group(s)?

- Yes
- No

2. If yes, please describe to which group(s) you belong (check all that apply).

- Women
- People of Colour (“Visible Minorities”)
- People with disabilities (including invisible and episodic disabilities)
- 2SLGBTQ+ and/or gender and sexually diverse individuals
- Aboriginal and/or Indigenous Peoples
- Prefer not to answer.