

## The Cameron Speth Fellowships (NRDC & WRI)

Two JDs listed; please read through for details

The Cameron Speth Fellowship provides funding for students from developing nations and Japan to carry out summer internships at the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the World Resources Institute (WRI), two institutions founded by former YSE Dean Gus Speth. Speth received the Blue Planet Prize from the Asahi Glass Foundation of Japan in 2002 and donated part of his award to the NRDC and WRI in honor of his wife, Cameron.

One student at each organization will be awarded a fellowship for a 10-to-12 week internship over the summer. Fellowship award amounts are determined by, and paid by each host organization.

Candidate eligibility and selection criteria:

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- Likely to contribute to environmental policy and program development in developing countries, and (have the) potential to reach others through future teaching and research, or as policymakers and/or program managers.

### I. The Cameron Speth Fellowship w/Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

1. Deadline for application: March 30, 2023, 11.45 p.m. EST.
2. Timeline for students to hear back about awards/offer letters: By April 20
3. Documents required for applications: Cover letter, resume
4. E-mail applications to Ansché Hedgepeth ([ahedgepeth@nrdc.org](mailto:ahedgepeth@nrdc.org))
5. Should students send in one application and be considered for all 4 roles, or should they send separate applications?

In the cover letter, please indicate which of the projects you are applying for. Can be more than one, but it helps us if you specify your interest.

6. Compensation: \$10,000 for ten weeks
7. Hours/week: 35 hours / week

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The Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC), a leading nonprofit environmental organization with a staff of over 600, including scientists, technical experts, lawyers, and other specialists, is seeking qualified applicants from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies for the Cameron Speth Fellowship.

The Fellowship is a 10-week paid research and advocacy position with NRDC starting in May/ June 2023. NRDC is looking for qualified applicants to work on various climate change, energy, and environmental issues.

As our offices are closed due to COVID-19, the Fellow would work remotely with staff who are based in Washington, DC. or San Francisco on one of four projects:

1. Work with the International Program's **International Climate Team** on research, analysis, and advocacy related to climate change-induced loss and damage. Projects may vary based on the Fellow's specific expertise but could include exploring technically feasible and politically viable innovative funding arrangements for loss and damage. Project deliverables could include: identifying innovative and alternative sources of funding for loss and damage and assessing which are least likely to face political, legal and technical barriers to implementation (particularly in the United States); providing high level recommendations on how the new loss & damage fund created at COP27 could be designed to accept innovative and alternative sources of funding; and identifying alternative/complementary channels for loss and damage funding. Location: Hybrid.
  - a. Or work with the International Program's International Climate Team on analysis of geographic and sectoral emissions reduction strategies to hold global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Project deliverables could include drafting short briefings on key emissions reduction strategies; and devising outreach materials to engage policy makers and media on the key findings of the analysis.
2. Work with NRDC International Program's **China team** on research, analysis, and advocacy on clean energy transition projects in China. The fellowship includes analysis of industry decarbonization strategies of European, U.S. and China, specifically on how different countries design and implement their green procurement policy to leverage the consumption side in accelerating the decarbonation of cement. Expected project deliverables include drafts of blogs, presentations, policy recommendations and/or support for reports on cement decarbonation in China. Applicants should have excellent writing and research skills along with a general understanding of energy and climate change. Chinese language ability and familiarity with the region is a plus, but not required.
3. Work with the International Program's **China Climate and Energy team** on research, analysis and advocacy related to the just transition in our China provincial work – particularly to address key technical, social and economic barriers faced by the key provinces of Shanxi, Shandong and Henan in transitioning their power systems, industries and economies from coal, to ensure provincial carbon peaking well before 2030 and a quick decline after the peak, with businesses, communities, and vulnerable population adversely affected being sufficiently considered in the transition process. Responsibilities include -
  - o Assist with relevant policy research and information collection on energy consumption, coal power, emerging industries, and energy transition of China and key provinces in China.
  - o Help draft English blogs based on the key findings from the research reports by NRDC and its partners.
  - o Support with developing materials to communicate project research results.
  - o Conduct high-quality Chinese-English translations.
4. The Fellow would work with NRDC's **India Climate Program** on research, analysis, and advocacy aimed to maximize NRDC's strategic priority areas in India on climate change, clean air & healthy cities, and international climate policy. The fellowship includes analysis of India's renewable energy market, clean energy access, energy efficiency, climate friendly cooling, climate adaption focused on heat stress, air pollution, and implementing the country's climate commitments. Expected project deliverables may include stand-alone documents or memos that will be incorporated into NRDC reports, factsheets, blogs, briefings, and presentations on clean energy and climate change in India. The ideal candidate will have with excellent writing and research skills. Applicants should be knowledgeable about clean energy and climate change issues. While international experience is helpful, it is

not required. The Fellowship will provide an excellent opportunity to investigate major barriers and potential solutions to clean energy access, climate friendly cooling, air quality, and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals. The student will have the opportunity to engage with experts both internally and externally including policymakers.

## I. CAMERON SPETH FELLOWSHIP - NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS WRI (World Resources Institute)

<https://jobs.jobvite.com/wri/job/oYTumfwr>

**Deadline (online application): March 20, 4 p.m. EST**

The Cameron Speth Fellowship is only open to current graduate students at Yale School of the Environment. Candidate eligibility and selection criteria:

- Master's degree students are to come from developing countries or Japan.
- Likely to contribute to environmental policy and program development in developing countries, and (have the) potential to reach others through future teaching and research, or as policymakers and/or program managers.

This opportunity aligns with WRI's Dreamgreen program, which is an institutionally funded internship program to increase representation among Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). To qualify for WRI's DreamGREEN program, the Fellow must be a BIPOC student.

Internships Washington, DC, United States

[Cities4Forests](#) is a cross-programmatic effort – including WRI's Water, Forests, and Cities programs – that aims to catalyze political, social, and economic support among city governments and urban citizens to integrate nature-based solutions into city development plans and programs. It is a voluntary coalition involving mayors' offices— and supported by other subnational agencies such as public water utilities and offices of sustainability—from around the world. Cities4Forests encourages peer-to-peer inspiration and learning, provides technical support for cities to plan and implement nature-based solutions, and supports access to finance for NBS.

This position is fully remote.

### **What you will do:**

In this fellowship, you will contribute to ongoing and new research, stakeholder engagement projects, and development of project proposals, gaining experience on the design, financing, and implementation of nature-based solutions (NBS) for climate and water security. You will report to the Senior Associate for Cities4Forests and frequently work with members of the Cities4Forests team, which include 25 staff spanning seven countries. You will have the opportunity to meet with and work with other WRI staff and external partners, as well.

### **Internship Learning Outcomes:**

- Research and analyze data, with exact research assignments to be determined based on the fellow's skills and interests. For example: documenting innovations to increase investment in NBS, policy analysis, project data analysis, or tracking new technologies to help monitor and evaluate NBS projects.
- Participate in stakeholder engagements and partner consultations with environmental organizations, energy and water utilities, government entities, financial institutions, or other stakeholders.
- Contribute to the production of reports and communications materials.
- Support the development of project proposals and other correspondence to international donors.
- Organize and participate in regular internal and external meetings to review and inform project

progress.

**What you will need:**

The Cameron Speth Fellowship is an opportunity only open to current graduate students at Yale School of the Environment. Experience or familiarity with nature-based solutions and climate resilience, environmental policy, environmental finance, and/or nature tech.

- Experience working on projects focused in the Latin American and Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, and with development finance institutions.
- English language skills a must, Spanish a plus.
- Research skills, with attention to detail and quality of source material.
- Experience and/or interest in engaging with government, financial, and civil society sectors.
- Computer skills in Microsoft Office and internet research.
- Comfort interning remotely.

**Compensation:** The pay for this internship opportunity is \$22/hour for graduates.

**Length of Contract:** This is a full-time, 3-month internship with a flexible start and end date.

**Location:** This is a remote-based internship with the option to work out of the Washington D.C. office once it reopens. WRI will provide a laptop for the duration of your internship.

**How to Apply:** Please submit a resume with a cover letter. Applicants must apply through the WRI Careers portal to be considered. <https://jobs.jobvite.com/wri/job/oYTumfwr>

**About Us:** Founded in 1982, World Resources Institute (WRI) is an independent, nonprofit global research organization that turns big ideas into action at the nexus of environment, economic opportunity, and human well-being. We are working to address seven critical challenges that the world must overcome this decade to secure a sustainable future for people and the planet: climate change, energy, food, forests, water, sustainable cities, and the ocean. WRI has a global staff of over 1,800 people with work spanning 60 countries. We have offices in Africa, Brazil, China, Europe, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Colombia and the United States, as well as a growing presence in other countries and regions.

The foundation of our work is delivering high-quality research, data, maps, and analysis to solve the world's greatest environment and international development challenges and improve people's lives. We work with leaders in government, business, and civil society to drive ambitious action and create change on the ground. Equally important, we bring together partners to develop breakthrough ideas and scale-up solutions for far-reaching, enduring impact.

Internships at WRI are learning experiences designed for current students, recent graduates, and other candidates who wish to gain knowledge about a specific area of our work. We strive to attract diverse, intellectually driven candidates who have a passion for sustainability and development. WRI provides many internship opportunities throughout the year in all our programs.

WRI is committed to advancing gender, racial, and social equity for human well-being in our mission and applies this principle to our organizational and programmatic practices.

**Our mission and values:**

WRI's mission is to move human society to live in ways that protect Earth's environment and its capacity to provide for the needs and aspirations of current and future generations.

Our values are shared ideals that bind us together: Integrity, Innovation, Urgency, Independence, Respect.