



Frequently Asked Questions

What does training in the Clean Mobility Student Ambassador Fellowship Program look like?

Selected Fellows participate in a structured learning and development experience that is designed to build knowledge, skills, and leadership capacity.

- Fellows will attend nine monthly sessions covering topics such as California's clean mobility incentives and air quality programs, community peer education and engagement, environmental justice and equity, third-space thinking principles, leadership development, self-awareness and interpersonal skills, connecting community members to resources, and professional development.

What does the Capstone Project entail?

Once a fellow is paired with a capstone community partner, the fellow will meet with their partner monthly to discuss focus area, community engagement, and storytelling in accordance with their partner's local priorities.

The collaboration between the fellow and the Capstone Partner will help build the fellow's capstone project that will address a specific gap or need identified in their community.

Can I choose which Capstone Partner I want to work with?

At this time, no. The Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) will use all available information to create the right pairing between fellow and Capstone Partner.

What is the program timeline?

The program timeline is a nine-month commitment from October 2026 through June 2027.

What is the expected time commitment for this program?

Fellows can expect to spend approximately 15–25 hours per month on fellowship activities. However, program structure is aligned with the academic school year to better adhere to students' schedules.

Are there in-person or event requirements?

Yes. As a Clean Mobility Student Ambassador Fellow conducts work throughout their capstone project, it will require outreach into communities via tabling, classroom presentations, workshops, group discussions, campuswide, or targeted events.

We will provide detailed logistical information for all required events.

Will travel be required? Is a driver's license required?

Most activities will take place on or near your campus, with some local travel expected. A driver's license is not required to participate. Please contact us with any travel concerns

What are the requirements for program participation?

Fellows are expected to attend all nine monthly virtual sessions live, with up to two missed sessions eligible to be made up by viewing the recording and completing follow-up with FoundationCCC staff.

Throughout the fellowship, participants must complete at least eight of nine monthly individual check-ins with FoundationCCC staff and meet monthly with their assigned Capstone Partner. Fellows should also plan to commit approximately 15–25 hours per month to fellowship activities.

To earn a Certificate of Completion, fellows must attend at least seven live sessions, fulfill any make-up requirements, complete at least eight check-ins, and complete and present their Capstone Project.

Applicants are encouraged to carefully consider whether they can fully participate alongside their academic, work, and personal responsibilities before applying.

Is the orientation meeting on October 23rd, 2026 mandatory?

Yes, this meeting is mandatory. If you are not able to attend, please contact us at zevoutreach@foundationccc.org as soon as possible.

How far in advance will I be notified of required meetings and events?

Our goal is to have all dates and locations confirmed before each cohort begins. Sometimes, because we coordinate with different partners, final details may take a little longer. Generally, you will receive confirmed dates, times, and locations at least two weeks before you need to attend.

Does this fellowship offer accommodations?

Yes. We want our program to be accessible to all fellows, regardless of language or communication needs. This includes American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation as well as interpretation support for fellows who are English as a Second Language (ESL) speakers or otherwise need assistance in a spoken language other than English.

If you need accessibility accommodations, please let us know as early as possible so we can make appropriate arrangements.

How do I know I am eligible for the Clean Mobility Student Ambassador Fellowship Program?

Be one of the following:

- A first-year or returning California Community College student
- A former California Community College student who transferred to a four-year college or university within the same calendar year of the application close date, or
- A former California Community College student who graduated or otherwise completed programming (e.g., certificate) within the same calendar year of the application close date.

Be at least 18 years of age at the start of the fellowship term

Be available for the full nine-month term

Attend or reside within a priority area as determined by the funder, with recommendations from the FoundationCCC team

Can I withdraw from the fellowship?

A Fellow may withdraw from the fellowship at any time by notifying FoundationCCC in writing. FoundationCCC may end a Fellow's participation if a Fellow does not adhere to the eligibility requirements.

In either case:

- Installments already disbursed are not subject to repayment.
- Installments not yet disbursed as of the date of withdrawal or discontinuation will not be issued.
- Awards are not pro-rated, and partial installments are not issued for partial periods.

A Fellow who does not complete the fellowship term is not eligible for the Certificate of Completion.

A Fellow facing a documented medical, family, or academic emergency may request a deferral to the following cohort in place of withdrawal, subject to cohort availability and FoundationCCC approval.

Does the financial award apply to my financial aid?

No, but the Fellowship award may affect a Fellow's financial aid package or eligibility for other need-based benefits.

Applicants are encouraged to consult their college's financial aid office before accepting an award.

How much is the fellowship award, and how is it distributed?

The total fellowship award is \$5,000 and is distributed in 4 installments.

What determines my continued eligibility for the award?

The following requirements determine continued eligibility for the award:

- Engagement in core curriculum sessions and monthly check-ins
- Engagement with Capstone Partner
- Participation in mentorship opportunities