



Volunteer Opportunity

Youth Advisory Council Members

Term: July 2022-June 2023

The Jane Goodall Institute of Canada (JGI) is seeking volunteers to join our Youth Advisory Council (YAC). This is an exciting opportunity for a young leader who aspires to make a positive difference for people, animals, and the environment by joining a globally recognized organization in conservation and youth engagement. The Council brings together a group of committed youth to help shape the programmatic direction of JGI's Roots & Shoots (R&S) program. As a member of the Council, you will ensure the perspectives of youth are at the core of our R&S activities. The YAC will serve to amplify youth voices from coast to coast, with a focus on biodiversity loss, climate change, environmental inequity, and Indigenous perspectives. Council members will develop their leadership skills while connecting with like-minded young people across Canada who are passionate about protecting our planet and creating a better world for all.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:

- Possibility to travel within Canada to Council Summits to meet fellow members and engage in experiential learning (COVID dependent);
- Opportunity to lead council-wide initiatives that are self-governed amongst members and supported professionally and financially by JGI Canada staff;
- Provide strategic guidance and a youth voice to our program development through collaboration with JGI Canada staff and representation at Roots & Shoots board committee meetings;
- Collaborate with some of Canada's leading youth who are actively working towards sustainability, climate justice, and reconciliation.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

**All activities will be modified using virtual tools and online resources to respect the latest recommendations from Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments for safety precautions in response to COVID-19.

- Promote R&S through outreach to schools and communities
- Represent R&S at public engagement events as appropriate
- Review the annual APE Fund (Animals, People, Environment) proposals from across Canada
- Develop ideas for campaigns and resources related to biodiversity loss, climate change, environmental inequity, and Indigenous perspectives



- Provide feedback to JGI Canada on development of programs, policies, and projects
- Attend online meetings (average once a month)
- Attend sub-committee meetings (as needed)
- Participate in capacity building and professional development workshops organized by JGI Canada
- Amplify voices of R&S youth through networking and engaging in youth-related provincial and national platforms

ELIGIBILITY:

- Between the ages of 18-25
- Able to commit to 5-10 hours per month for the 12-month term
 - If interested in a executive role expect to commit additional hours
- Passionate about sustainability issues, especially biodiversity loss, climate change, environmental inequity and Indigenous perspectives
- Interested in traveling within Canada (not mandatory)
 - *COVID-19 regulations considered* – all travel costs covered by JGI Canada
- Strong communication and ability to present information in an engaging way
- Demonstrated leadership experience

JGI Canada is committed to equity, inclusivity, and meaningful youth engagement. We encourage BIPOC, 2SLGBTQ+, and youth from underserved communities to apply.

To Apply, submit a letter of interest and resume to lauren@janegoodall.ca with “Youth Advisory Council” in the subject line. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Application deadline: May 22nd, 2022