



# CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION CORPS

## California Climate Action Corps Fall Fellowship Food System Policy and Community Action at Fresno Metro Ministry

**Program Location:** Target cities - Fresno, Stockton, San Jose, Redlands, and Los Angeles

**Position Title:** California Climate Action Corps Fall Fellow

**Position Location:** Fresno, CA

**Term of Service:** Full-time, October, 2021 – September, 2022

**Time requirements:** 37 hours/week; minimum 1700 hours in eleven-month term, hours from Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm and some Saturday mornings.

### **About California Climate Action Corps (CalCAC)**

California Climate Action Corps is a national service program led by California Volunteers and implemented by Bay Area Community Resources dedicated to advancing climate actions that engage community members, cultivate change, and leave a lasting impact.

California Climate Action Corps is part of a larger statewide initiative to address the climate crisis by placing emerging leaders with local organizations to mobilize community members on direct climate action through education, volunteer mobilization, and assessment focused on urban greening, food waste recovery, and wildfire resilience projects.

Selected CalCAC Fellows will be AmeriCorps members serving 1700+ hours over approximately eleven months supporting community climate action, education, or assessment projects principally in five target cities - Fresno, Stockton, San Jose, Redlands, and Los Angeles. As a Climate Action Corps Fellow you will have:

- A chance to learn real-world climate action skills through community action projects.
- An opportunity to serve with a local government, Tribe, nonprofit, college or university committed to taking action on climate change where you will be provided support for the implementation of your service projects.
- An opportunity to be part of this unique program, community, and statewide force of emerging leaders.

California Climate Action Corps meets Californians where they are and provides meaningful opportunities for all Californians to act. For more information, please visit

<https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/about-california-climate-action-corps/>



### **About Fresno Metro Ministry (Metro)**

Metro is a multicultural, multifaith, 501c3 community-benefit organization with a 50-year history of addressing the social, economic and environmental determinants of health through community engagement, advocacy and programs delivering measurable results. Metro focuses on increasing access and consumption of healthy food, the quality of the build and physical environment, and overall health and economic opportunities for underserved communities. Metro's mission/vision is 'Learning, Connecting and Engaging to Achieve Healthy People and Healthy Places.'

### **Description of duties:**

Metro is looking for passionate individuals who are ready to engage community members in shaping our food system and improving its climate change resiliency. Fellows will be working on engaging community members and stakeholders through the establishment of a Food Policy Council and on the ground work at the Yo'Ville Community Garden and Urban Farm. Fellows will:

- Engage stakeholders and community members in the rollout of a Food Policy Council focused in the following project areas:
  - Healthy Food Access
  - Food Waste Prevention
  - Economic Development
  - Emergency Hunger Relief
  - Transportation, Land Use, and Government Regulation
  - Evaluation
- Engage community members at the Yo'Ville Community Garden and Urban Farm through the following projects:
  - Weekly volunteer work days to develop and maintain the site. This includes building projects, weeding, mulching and composting.
  - Planting a community orchard and native plants throughout the site.
  - The Yo'Ville Farm Incubator Program, an urban farm training program for new or future urban farmers. This includes engaging volunteers on running an on-site farm stand, coordinating leftover produce to be donated to partner organizations and working with farm trainees to host monthly community workshops.

### **Program Eligibility**



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- AmeriCorps Requirements
  - Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States\*
  - Ability to pass FBI, CA Department of Justice, out-of-state (if applicable), and National Sex Offender Public Registry background checks prior to service
- Climate Action Corps Requirements
  - At least 18 years of age
  - Associates degree or above, and/or relevant experience
  - Commitment to the full term of service (1700+ hours)
  - Capability to work in a professional office or field setting (some virtual placements may be available)
  - Be willing and able to comply with BACR's [Vaccination Card, Testing Policy & Procedure](#)

\*At this time, we are unfortunately unable to accept applicants with student visas (such as F1 or F2 student visas, J1 or J2 exchange visitor visas, G series visas, etc.), or those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status.

## **Desired qualifications/characteristics:**

- College degree and/or work experience in communications, public health, environmental justice, environmental policy or equivalent experience is considered (internships, volunteer experience etc.)
- Experience conducting community outreach and engagement work with diverse groups.
- Experience facilitating and engaging large groups or volunteers.
- Excellent organizational, writing, interpersonal, and speaking skills

## **Benefits of service**

California Climate Action Corps Fall Fellows will receive the following benefits during their service term:

- \$27,000 Living Allowance (before taxes) spread evenly over 11 months
- \$10,000 combined Segal Education Award and California For All Education Award (upon completion of service)
- SNAP (Food Stamps) - for those eligible
- Forbearance on existing qualifying student loans and payment of interest accrued during service
- Health Insurance



- Child Care assistance to qualifying Fellows, paid to an eligible provider of your choice

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