



The **Leadership for Sustainability Fellowship Program** is designed for emerging and experienced leaders to explore leadership practices that are inspired by the wisdom of nature and challenge forces of domination and oppression. Elements of the experience may be taken for credit or as non-credit professional development opportunities. The program offers an innovative blend of week-long remote learning intensives, interactive online learning experiences, and instruction, facilitation and coaching from an incredible network of [faculty and professional affiliates](#).

Our core curriculum and innovative pedagogy are grounded in the belief that the changes we create in the world are reflective of the changes and conditions we cultivate in ourselves. The program has three central learning goals:

1. Leadership inspired by the wisdom of Nature: Deepening our relationships with and understanding of ecological systems, patterns, processes, and organizing principles that can inspire our leadership, design, and change-making processes;
2. Challenging structures of domination and oppression: Enhancing our ability to critically examine and transform mindsets rooted in domination and shift inequitable systems, patterns and structures of power and privilege;
3. Practice: Deepening leadership practices that enhance our capacities draw on multiple ways of knowing, stay centered, catalyze change, advance the work of our communities and professional organizations, and create conditions for life to thrive over the long haul.

Learning Intensives: August 2025, January 2026, and June 2026.

- Three 5-day remote learning intensives
- Fall and Spring Seminar which includes 14 engaging and participatory modules on topics such as:
 - Sovereignty and Leadership
 - Relational Leadership
 - Cosmologies and Ways of Knowing
 - The Practice of Solidarity
 - Leadership Inspired by the Wisdom of Nature

- Creating Conditions
- Decolonization and Leadership
- Power, Privilege and Practice
- Systems Thinking
- Place, Awareness, and Presence
- Creativity and Leadership
- Visioning
- Biweekly zoom calls with professional affiliates and faculty
- Regular opportunity to engage with program office hours/coaching
- Option to extend the Fellowship into a 2-year experience that includes MLS professional development electives and an Applied Capstone Project supported by one-on-one coaching from the MLS professional affiliate network.

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