



Rising Wildlife Leaders



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Wildlife Conservation Network

INVESTING IN CONSERVATION'S FUTURE

What is Rising Wildlife Leaders?

Through Rising Wildlife Leaders, the Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN) empowers local conservationists by providing them with financial support, educational resources and professional training, hands-on experiences, invaluable mentorship opportunities, and access to peer support networks. By helping these leaders either start or sustain their conservation careers, we create a greater and more lasting impact for a wide range of wildlife around the world.



Creating a healthy future for wildlife relies on the leadership of local people who are shaping conservation in their home countries. But the path to starting or maintaining a conservation career is obstructed by significant barriers—financial limitations, the scarcity of learning opportunities, and the lack of professional guidance. Removing these obstacles gives these leaders the best chance at finding success and having a positive conservation impact.

With our Rising Wildlife Leaders strategy, WCN offers different programs to support local conservationists who need help either launching their careers or pushing their work to the next level. WCN invests in these conservationists to strengthen their skills, advance their careers, and build their impact for wildlife. Rising Wildlife Leaders programs replace barriers with stepping stones, so that talented local conservationists can develop into key leaders who secure a safer future for wildlife.

Rising Wildlife Leaders Programs

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Offers graduate-level conservation, veterinary, and Indigenous scholarships to new generations of conservationists, supporting their higher education and conservation aspirations.

CAREER PROGRAM

Provides multi-year training, mentorship, and financial support to early- and mid-career conservationists in Africa to help grow their careers.

AMAZONIA PROGRAM

Builds leadership and conservation skills and fosters networking and collaboration among local conservationists in the Amazon basin to fuel their long-term careers.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Helps budding conservationists gain real-life experience, mentorship during their formative years, and a chance to build their professional networks.

EMERGING WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LEADERS (EWCL)

External to WCN, our partnership with EWCL provides training and professional networking to conservation leaders around the world, and a chance to apply their knowledge to design and implement a global wildlife conservation initiative.

Rising Wildlife Leaders not only helps individual conservationists grow and succeed, it leads to greater outcomes for wildlife. Investing in Rising Wildlife Leaders programs is a critical way of investing in long-term impact for countless endangered species.

Rising Wildlife Leaders supports conservationists along each step of their careers.

CAREER STAGE	INTERNSHIP PROGRAM	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	CAREER PROGRAM	AMAZONIA PROGRAM
Pre-Career	✓			
Entry Level	✓	✓		
Associate Level		✓	✓	
Management/Early Leadership Level		✓	✓	✓
Leadership Level		✓		✓

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