



AGENTS OF CHANGE

IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Mission

Our mission is to empower emerging leaders from historically excluded backgrounds in science and academia to reimagine solutions for a just and healthy planet.

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PROBLEM: THE CULTURE OF SCIENCE IS ROOTED IN EUROCENTRIC, WHITE, PATRIARCHAL SYSTEMS

- Fosters structural racism and sexism in academic and scientific institutions
- Impacts the type of science being conducted
- Contributes to scientific and medical mistrust in society
- Does not fulfill the "Science-Society" contract

Science Must be for Everyone. *Scientific American* August 2021

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/science-must-be-for-everyone/#>

**SOLUTION:
AMPLIFY NEGLECTED VOICES IN
ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE
SCIENCES AND HELP FOSTER A
NEW GENERATION OF MORE
DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE
THOUGHT LEADERS**



Agents of Change in Environmental Justice

Cultivate new environmental justice leaders

Increase environmental justice literacy among STEM students



Inject new ideas in environmental health and climate fields

Make scientific information more accessible to marginalized communities

Fellows at a Glance

31 doctoral students, postdocs, and early career scientists

From marginalized backgrounds including first-generation college graduates; individuals from communities of color; and individuals with disabilities.



Multidisciplinary scholars

- Environmental health
- Epidemiology
- Community health
- Chemistry
- Urban planning
- Medicine
- Sociology
- Engineering
- Education
- Ecology
- Nutrition
- Microbiology

FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURE

- 9 month fellowship; co-led by Dr. Zota (GW SPH) and Brian Bienkowski (Environmental Health News)
- Fellowship requirements:
 - Write a first-person narrative essay
 - Participate in the Agents of Change podcast, and attend monthly, virtual meetings,
 - Produce an episode of the Agents of Change podcast in collaboration with another fellow.
 - Develop a science translation product focused on educating community groups or policy makers on a particular issue, in collaboration with other fellows.

Eligibility Criteria for 2022-2023 Agents of Change Fellows

- Pursuing scientific work that advances environmental public health, environmental justice, or ecosystem/climate health and justice.
- **Early career scientist** defined as a current doctoral student, medical student, or postdoctoral scientist or an early career practitioner defined as someone working in advocacy, government, research, or private sector for < 5 years since terminal degree
- **From marginalized backgrounds and/or populations underrepresented in science and academia.** Examples of eligible individuals include but are not limited to: first-generation college graduates; individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds; individuals from communities of color; and individuals with disabilities.
- Based in the United States; applicants do not need to be US citizens

**CALL FOR
APPLICATIONS
IS NOW OPEN!**

**Do you find that public
voices in science are
lacking diversity & want to
help create change?**

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<https://agentsofchangeinej.org/application/>

Deadline: April 15, 2022



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