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2019 Conservation Finance Boot Camp.

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CFN is pleased to announce our 13th annual Conservation Finance Boot Camp will be held June 24-28th, 2019, at Portland State University in Portland, OR. The Boot Camp is a week-long, intensive training course to help mid-career professionals utilize innovative and effective financing strategies for land and resource conservation, restoration, and stewardship.

Each year, our Boot Camp accepts 30 participants. The application form will be posted and open on this page from January 15th – February 15th, 2019. Please take some time to review the questions and prepare your answers ahead of time before filling out the live application form. It is best to type out your responses to the essay questions in a separate document and copy and paste them into the application form.

For more information, please refer to our frequently asked questions:

Who should apply?

Mid-career professionals integrating conservation finance into their land and resource conservation work, including (but not limited to) land trust and NGO professionals, public agency professionals, foundation officers, board members, private sector investors, business executives, legal counselors, and academics. Applicants who are starting or currently working on conservation finance projects that they are interested in having workshopped by peers and presenters at the course are strongly encouraged to apply. We do not generally accept current students, given the applied nature of the course.

When will I hear back?

We will communicate decisions in March. After the first round of decisions is made, we may re-open applications in the case that we have remaining seats in the course.

How are decisions made?

Applicants are selected based on a combination of factors including the applicability of course content to their work, a demonstrated intent to apply what they learn, and cohort balance and composition.

Is there a waitlist?

Yes, if there is sufficient interest. When decisions are made, we will give selected applicants the option to be added to the waitlist.

What are the costs of attending?

Tuition is \$2000 plus a small processing fee, which includes all local transportation and meals. Attendees are responsible for covering costs associated with lodging and transportation to/from the course.

Are scholarships available?

Tuition scholarships may be made available for applicants whose organizations demonstrate financial need. There will be a question in the application to detail your need for a scholarship.

Is the course open to applicants outside the United States?

We are happy to welcome participants who bring an international perspective to our course and have had many non-US attendees. However, we would like to note that the course content is based on the U.S. legal code and that we primarily draw upon domestic case studies and examples. Although some topics may be analogous to international projects, we cannot guarantee the tools and strategies covered in the source will be directly applicable to your work.

If you have further questions, please reach out to Allegra Wrocklage at awrocklage@conservation-finance.org.

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