



## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Youth Advisory Council Members**

**Term: July 2023-June 2024**

The Jane Goodall Institute of Canada (JGIC) is seeking volunteers to join our 2023-24 Youth Advisory Council (YAC). An exciting opportunity for any young leader who aspires to make a positive difference for people, animals, and the environment by joining our globally recognized organization focused on conservation and youth engagement. The YAC brings together a group of committed youth to help shape the programmatic direction of JGI's Roots & Shoots (R&S) program and engage in protection and advocacy work specific to the three intersecting crises of biodiversity loss, climate change, and environmental inequity.

As a member of the YAC, you will ensure both the perspectives and lived experiences of today's youth are at the core of JGIC's activities and amplified across JGIC's networks. Members will develop unique leadership skills while connecting with passionate like-minded youth from across Canada, who are working to protect our planet and create a better world for all.

#### **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:**

- Opportunity to lead YAC-wide initiatives that are self-governed amongst YAC members and supported professionally and financially by JGIC;
- Provide strategic guidance and uplift youth voices within our program development through collaboration with JGIC staff;
- Collaborate with other youth leaders who are actively working towards sustainability, climate justice, and reconciliation.
- Possibility of travel within Canada to YAC summits, conferences, and other special events to network with fellow members and engage in experiential learning;
- Access a global JGIC YAC alumni network after your term, to connect and network with other former YAC members.

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Develop ideas for campaigns and resources related to biodiversity loss, climate change, environmental inequity, and reconciliation.
- Review and rank A.P.E. Fund (Animals, People, Environment) proposals from R&S groups across Canada.
- Provide feedback and youth perspectives to JGIC on the development of new programs, policies, and projects.
- Attend online meetings (on average once a month) and sub-committee meetings (as needed).



- Participate in capacity building and professional development workshops organized by JGIC (average once every 2-3 months).
- Amplify the voices of R&S youth through networking and engaging in youth-centred provincial and national platforms.
- Represent R&S and JGIC at public engagement events as appropriate.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Between the ages of 18-25 for the term duration;
- Able to commit to 5-10 hours per month for the 12-month term;
  - If interested in an executive role expect to commit additional hours. Executive roles and how to apply for them are given in the first YAC orientation meeting.
- Passionate about sustainability and conservation issues, especially biodiversity loss, climate change, environmental inequity, and reconciliation;
- Interested in, and ability to, travel within Canada (not mandatory, all travel costs will be covered by JGIC);
- Strong communication skills (oral and written) in English or French, and the ability to present educational information in an engaging way;
- Demonstrated leadership experience in your community
- Lived and/or work experience with underserved populations is considered an additional strong asset

JGI Canada is committed to equity, inclusivity, decolonization, reconciliation, and meaningful youth engagement throughout our work. We encourage youth from all groups, including those identifying as BIPOC and/or 2SLGBTQ+ to apply for this position. If you require accessibility accommodations to facilitate your involvement in the YAC, please note them in your letter of interest or via email to [lauren@janegoodall.ca](mailto:lauren@janegoodall.ca) so we can assist.

To apply, submit a letter of interest (max 2 pages) and resume to [lauren@janegoodall.ca](mailto:lauren@janegoodall.ca) with “Youth Advisory Council” in the subject line. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application deadline: April 30th, 2023