



FUTURE COASTAL LEADERS

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Tentative schedule and overview

Spring 2024

Program overview:

The **Future Coastal Leaders (FCL) program** is designed to teach college and university students about the challenges facing Louisiana's coast and encourage them to become engaged coastal stewards through experiential learning, networking and advocacy! **Beginning February 7**, we will host a series of meetings meant to engage students in coastal restoration in a hybrid format on a biweekly basis on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The last meeting is on April 17. The program will consist of both in-person opportunities and hybrid virtual sessions intended to prepare and embolden our participants to become coastal leaders within environmental fields. Each participant will receive a large resource of materials, including various handouts and Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) products. See the tentative schedule on the following pages. It includes information on how to attend the meetings and some events students can join. [Apply here!](#)

Graduation requirements:

For FCL participants who are in college to graduate, they will be required to attend at least four out of our six meetings and complete either a creative project about coastal Louisiana or go to five experiential learning experiences (i.e. volunteer events, tabling events, public meetings, etc.).

For FCL participants who are in high school to graduate, they will be required to attend at least four out of the six meetings and go to two experiential learning experiences (i.e. volunteer events, tabling events, public meetings, etc.).

Program schedule

January

CWRC tree planting event - Friday, January 12 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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February

Meeting 1:

Orientation – Wednesday, February 7 from 5 to 6 p.m.

On Zoom or in person at our office at 3801 Canal St. in New Orleans

Welcome to the program! Let's kick off the semester right and meet for a hybrid in-person and virtual orientation. Meet other participants and learn about the many activities offered during the program and how to make the most out of your experience. Plus, you'll set goals and learn more about creative projects, ways you can complete the program and the perks for being a part of our alumni network.

Meeting 2:

Coastal 101 – Wednesday, February 21 from 5 to 6 p.m.

On Zoom or in person at our office at 3801 Canal St. in New Orleans

Learn more about coastal land loss in Louisiana, including why it's happening, what's being done about it and how you can be a part of the solution! Plus, discuss with fellow students how your work in the program is contributing to restoring land in Louisiana.

Cook-off for the Coast - Saturday, February 24

Join CRCL and Restore the Mississippi River Delta at Cook-off for the Coast, a celebration at Docville Farm with a cooking competition, live music, art and more! Proceeds from the event are donated to restoration projects in St. Bernard Parish. **More info** [here](#).

March

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Meeting 3:

Environmental justice – Wednesday, March 6 from 5 to 6 p.m.

On Zoom or in-person at our office 3801 Canal St. In New Orleans

Take a deeper dive into environmental justice as it pertains to Louisiana, its people and its coast! Learn more about the field through the history of flooding, housing and geography of New Orleans, and then connect that history to Louisiana's coast at large. Discuss ways we think environmental justice might be pertinent to our fields of study, and share our own knowledge of environmental justice issues in coastal Louisiana.

CWRC tree planting event - Friday, March 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Meeting 4:

Professional skills – Wednesday, March 20 from 5 to 6 p.m.

On Zoom or in person at our office at 3801 Canal St. in New Orleans

Join us as we provide you with resources on how to become a professional in the environmental field in Louisiana. Learn about different job fields, building your résumé, tips for interviews and networking and more!

April

Meeting 5:

Advocacy Skills – Wednesday, April 3 from 5 to 6 p.m.

On Zoom or in person at our office at 3801 Canal St. In New Orleans

Learn how to advocate for your communities on environmental issues and why policy is so important for restoration work in Louisiana. Plus, hear from professionals in the field about how they got legislation passed in Louisiana!

Career development meeting for FCL – Wednesday, April 3 from 5 to 6 p.m.

On Zoom or in person at our office at 3801 Canal St. In New Orleans

Hear from coastal professionals in Louisiana on their journeys to entering their careers skills needed for success and tips for starting off your own career!

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Meeting 6:

Student creative project presentation– Wednesday, April 17 from 5 to 6 p.m.

On Zoom or in person at our office at 3801 Canal St. in New Orleans

Join us for our last meeting. Students who opted to do a creative project will present on their work!

Coastal Day at the Capitol – TBD

Louisiana State Capitol, Baton Rouge

Join us while CRCL heads to our state Capitol along with other coastal organizations, legislators and researchers to learn about pressing issues along our coast!

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