



CONSERVATION
FINANCE
NETWORK

In person June 2 - 5, 2026
With two requisite virtual
sessions on May 12 & 14, 2026

In partnership with Yale Center for Business and the Environment
New Haven, CT

2026 Conservation Finance Boot Camp

Welcome to the 2026 Conservation Finance Boot Camp application! The Conservation Finance Network will host the course from June 2-5, 2026 at the Yale School of Environment in New Haven, CT in partnership with the Yale Center for Business and the Environment. In May, we will also hold two advance webinars (zoom) on May 12 and 14, 2026, which Boot Camp participants are required to participate in.

The application will take about 30 minutes to complete. Please answer all questions in this application; we will not review incomplete applications.

Before filling out this form, please review our [Boot Camp webpage](#) for responses to frequently asked questions and materials from previous Boot Camps. The website also includes a PDF copy of this application should you wish to review the questions before beginning the application. We recommend saving your responses to the short answer questions in a separate document and pasting them into this form to prevent you from losing your work unexpectedly.

Early decision applications are due December 15, 2025 (midnight PST) and regular decision applications are due January 21, 2026 (midnight PST).

Thank you for your interest in the Conservation Finance Boot Camp, we look forward to reviewing your application!

Peter Howell
Executive Director
The Conservation Finance Network

1. Please enter your information

First Name *

Last Name *

Preferred Pronouns *

Organization Name *

Organization website *

Job Title *

Address *

City *

State/Region *

Country *

Email *

Work Phone *

2. How did you hear about the Boot Camp? (check all that apply) *

- ☐ Colleague
- ☐ CFN Website or monthly Enews
- ☐ Social Media

- ☐ Conference or Event
- ☐ Boot Camp Alumni

Other Source (please specify)

If a specific person told you about the Boot Camp, please list their name.

3. What sector(s) best describe your work? *

- ☐ Land Trust
- ☐ Non-profit conservation or resource management organization
- ☐ For-Profit Business, Corporation, or Investment Firm
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ State Government
- ☐ Municipal or Local Government
- ☐ Tribal/First Nation

Other (please specify)

4. Please describe your organization or program's mission *

5. How many people work at your current organization (# of Full Time Equivalent Staff)? *

6. What stage of your conservation finance career are you in? *

- ☐ Early Career
- ☐ Mid-Career
- ☐ Later Career

7. Do you have your supervisor's approval to apply for the Boot Camp? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. Please provide a short bio describing your current work, your role in your current organization, and your professional background (100 words). *

9. In what region(s) do you work? (please note that the Boot Camp content will be geared towards the funding and legal systems in the domestic United States) *

- ☐ United States
- ☐ North America (non-U.S.)
- ☐ South America, Central America, or the Caribbean
- ☐ Europe
- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Asia or Pacific Islands
- ☐ Australia or New Zealand

10. What types of conservation lands or natural resources is your organization most focused on? (select all that apply) *

- ☐ Forests
- ☐ Farmland
- ☐ Prairies and grasslands
- ☐ Coastal areas and estuaries
- ☐ Urban parks and natural areas
- ☐ Recreational lands (includes trails)
- ☐ Rivers and wetlands

Other focus (please specify)

Other region (please specify)

11. In What region of the United States do you work? (if you work in multiple regions, please select the region where your work is most prevalent)

- ☐ Nationwide
- ☐ Northeast (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont)
- ☐ Mid-Atlantic (Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia)
- ☐ South (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas)
- ☐ Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota)
- ☐ Mountain West (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming)
- ☐ Pacific Coast (California, Oregon, Washington)
- ☐ Alaska
- ☐ Hawaii
- ☐ Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories

Please respond to these short answer questions in 3 sentences or less, and be as concise as possible.

12. What types of conservation funding and financing have you or your organization had experience with? (e.g. income from the land, public funding, borrowing money, ecosystem service markets, impact investing, etc.) *

13. What types of conservation finance tools do you most want to learn about at the Boot Camp? *

- ☐ Grants: Federal
- ☐ Grants: State or Local
- ☐ Philanthropic funding from Individuals or Institutions
- ☐ Creative uses of philanthropic funding (i.e. loan loss reserves, recoverable grants)
- ☐ Corporate funding or sponsorship
- ☐ Private investment
- ☐ Outcomes-based finances
- ☐ Ecosystem service markets
- ☐ Blended finance
- ☐ Loan Capital

14. Please describe: focus on the two tools above that you are most interested in and describe why you would like to learn about them. *

15. What are your greatest frustrations or challenges with funding and financing your conservation work? *

16. How do you plan to make use of insight, information, and professional connections gained from the Boot Camp? *

17. Are you working on a specific project, programmatic challenge, or initiative that could benefit from consultation at the Boot Camp? (This is strongly recommended but not required. We have found that attendees working on a specific initiative are best suited to learn from and take action on content presented at the Boot Camp.) *

- ☐ Yes (please describe below)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe (please describe below)

18. If you answered yes or maybe, please describe your specific project; Descriptions can include an overview of the project/issue, how much money is needed, timeline, location, key challenges, etc. *

Type N/A if you selected No in question 17

19. If selected to attend the Boot Camp, will you be able to attend both the remote pre-Boot Camp webinars and the full week?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

20. If selected to attend the Boot Camp, will you or your organization be able to cover the \$2,950 tuition plus lodging and travel costs? (Please note that we have a **very limited** number of scholarships available which are most often provided by foundations to sponsor their grantees or to support attendees from small and underresourced organizations.) *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe (may need partial scholarship support for tuition)
- ☐ No (would need full scholarship support for tuition)

21. In 1-2 sentences, please describe your scholarship need. Please note that if scholarship funds are available, they will be very limited. *

Type N/A if you selected Yes in question 20

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