

Mass ECAN Ambassador Awards Program

Share and amplify your
climate adaptation
practices across
the state!



**Request for
Applications
Due May 20,
2024**

Learn more on our [FAQ page](#) or contact masecan@umass.edu with questions.

Apply Here:
<http://bit.ly/3JYqPSN>



Mass ECAN (Ecosystem Climate Adaptation Network) is a community of practice for climate adaptation practitioners and researchers interested in ecosystems and nature in Massachusetts. Our Ambassador Awards Program is a unique opportunity to showcase climate adaptation champions and their exemplary practices, with the goal of making those practices mainstream.

We want to highlight adaptation practices that promote at least one, and ideally more than one, of the following:

- **Centering racial equity**
- **Authentic community engagement**
- **Resilience and transformation for fish and wildlife**
- **Nature-based solutions that benefit people and ecosystems**
- **Design and management of successful climate collaboratives**
- **Partnerships between community-based organizations and larger environmental groups**

Award winners will receive funding to spread their practices to fellow climate practitioners through engagement and outreach activities of their choosing. We encourage participants to use the funding for their time, materials, and other resources. This opportunity is made possible through funding from the Barr Foundation.

Why apply?

- **Recognition:** Share your work and expertise across the state
- **Skill-building:** Sharpen climate change communication skills
- **Resources:** Receive funding to spread your practices
- **Community:** Build relationships with peers in the program
- **Motivation:** Gain inspiration through engaging with others

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for this program, you must be:

- Working in MA on climate adaptation in any discipline or career level
- Including benefits to ecosystems and nature in your work
- Able to commit to an activity to mainstream your adaptation practices

How will individuals be selected?

The following criteria will be assessed when reviewing applications:

- Demonstrated exemplary practices
- Representation across the practices listed above
- Representation from a variety of organization types
- Proposed activity is accomplishable given the time and funding
- Proposed activity is likely to succeed and be impactful

What are the expectations for participation? Participants will:

- Define their target audience and engagement/outreach activity
- Implement their activity using a budget of \$2000
- Attend 3 hours of programming with fellow ambassadors
- Briefly report and evaluate progress