

# FAQs: Local Chapters

## What is the Campus Chapter Program?

The Campus Chapter Program engages college-aged students with bird conservation and advocacy by providing meaningful, hands-on leadership opportunities that build skills, relationships and resumes.

## Why is Audubon reaching out to college & university students?

To continue to protect birds and the places they need, Audubon will nurture the next generation of conservation leaders, advocates, communicators, scientists— and more. The campus chapter program will help us achieve our ambitious goals.

## Are there efforts being made to engage with students of color or minority serving institutions?

Yes. Audubon Fund II Fellow - Raymond Sessley leads outreach efforts to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as Minority Serving Institutions. For more information, please contact Raymond Sessley: [rseesley@audubon.org](mailto:rseesley@audubon.org)

## Who do I contact for more information?

Student Outreach Associate; Gustavo Figueroa at [campuschapters@audubon.org](mailto:campuschapters@audubon.org), or visit [Audubon.org/campuschapters](http://Audubon.org/campuschapters) for more information.

## My chapter already partners with a nearby college, university or conservation club. Do they qualify for the program?

Yes! Audubon would love to recognize their work. As part of the Audubon network, Campus Chapters can access tools and resources, grant opportunities-- and even for scholarships to events, like our biennial convention. Of course, being a campus chapter leader will help build their skill set and resume, too!

## How much time will this take from my chapter?

Great question! Interacting with students and helping to implement the program may require some time, coaching and support. Here are two critical points to keep in mind:

1. Campus chapters succeed because of strong buy-in from students. The intention is for you to support, or coach these students as they identify themselves and organically develop their chapters.
2. Successful campus chapter programs have the opportunity to significantly impact, support and strengthen the conservation and advocacy work your team is already doing. Building partnerships with colleges, universities, and students is a great way to advance your goals.

