



Cooperative Leaders & Scholars

A Project of **CDF**
Cooperative Development Foundation

WHAT IS **CLS** COOPERATIVE LEADERS & SCHOLARS?

The CLS fellowship provides cross-sector leadership development and builds professional networks for new and emerging cooperative leaders and scholars. CLS delivers content in two-hour virtual convenings over the course of eight months. The CLS fellows also gather for one week in the spring and fall for in-person training, site visits, and networking.

WHO IS **ELIGIBLE?**

Applicants must live in North America and fall into at least one of the following categories:

- ▶ Emerging leader in cooperatives, credit unions, or mutual insurance (ages 18–35)
- ▶ New to cooperatives (fewer than 5 years of experience in co-op work)
- ▶ Current post-secondary student of any age

**Every Journey
Needs a Next Step.
Take Yours.**



WHY GET INVOLVED?

CLS has shifted the path I am on professionally and personally... I met some of the most brilliant, creative people I've ever met in my life.

► **Dre Chiriboga Flor, Justice for the People Legal Center**

CLS is a program where knowledge, collaboration, and connection grow into networks and action.

► **Nicole Borner, Trillium Cooperative**

The CLS experience has opened my eyes to how the cooperative ecosystem can work together and how we can truly build a different world - consumer co-ops, producer co-ops, worker co-ops, purchasing co-ops.

► **Stephanie Sucasaca, The ICA Group**

Being a part of CLS has been incredible in learning about the breadth of the co-op movement. We have an opportunity to understand how our co-ops can work with one another in so many different ways.

► **Anwar Simon, Durham Co-op Market**

I was able to think more creatively and innovatively about how all of our projects can intersect and uplift each other because they are a part of a broader and thriving ecosystem.

► **Nina Stender, Democracy at Work Institute**



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