LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Guidelines for Proposal Submission and Review

FOCUS
ELTI’s Leadership Program (LP) offers post-training opportunities that support our alumni to accomplish their goals. Selected ELTI alumni may access funds and in-kind support to apply what they learned in ELTI’s field-based and online training courses. ELTI encourages all of our alumni to submit eligible proposals to receive our support via the LP. The LP is flexible and designed to accommodate the interested and needs of each applicant.

ELIGIBILITY
✓ At least one applicant per proposal must have participated in one or more of ELTI’s field-based or online training courses;
✓ Applicants may be individuals or groups (associations, working groups, cooperatives, etc.);
✓ The proposed project must be related to restoring or conserving tropical forest landscapes; and
✓ The proposed project must present a clear link to the learning that the applicant obtained in ELTI training course(s).

SUPPORTED PROJECTS
Applicants may submit proposals to: (i) receive financial support, (ii) participate in further ELTI training or (iii) receive mentoring or technical assistance from ELTI staff. Supported projects include:

- Attend ELTI event
- Attend non-ELTI event
- Present at ELTI event
- Present at non-ELTI event
- Implement ELTI-led training event
- Implement alumni-led training event
- Develop training material
- Design management plan
- Design project proposal
- Implement project
- Monitor restoration site
- Write external funding application
- Write fellowship application
- Write publication
- Enroll in ELTI or non-ELTI internship
- Influence policymaking
- Start and/or improve interest group
- Start and/or improve cooperative
- Exchange knowledge with ELTI partners
- Other related projects according to eligibility criteria above

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Applicants may work independently or with the support of an ELTI staff member to develop and submit a proposal. The first step to apply is to complete the “Expression of Interest Form”, following the submission instructions on the form. If the proposed project meets LP’s criteria, the applicants will receive an invitation and instructions to submit a full proposal.

LP’s financial support is restricted to projects requesting no more than US$2,500 for regular submissions and US$1,000 for off-cycle submissions. Special funding requests larger than these ranges will require the approval of an ELTI staff member to be considered for review.

REVIEW PROCESS AND DEADLINES
ELTI will review regular expressions of interest and application material on a quarterly basis. Exceptions to this timeline will only be possible upon approval of an ELTI staff member.

Deadlines for regular applications in 2017 are June 30th, September 30th, December 20th, unless otherwise approved by an ELTI staff member.

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Program! If you have questions, please email us at elti@yale.edu.