

FUTURERISING



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FELLOWSHIP 2023

INFO SESSION



GIRLRISING

It Started With a Film...

“# 1 Most Dynamic Social Initiative.”

— FORBES

“One of the HOTTEST cause docs in years.”

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

“Girl Rising stands as a testament to the power of information.”

— THE LOS ANGELES TIMES





GIRLRISING

Girl Rising's mission is to change the way the world values girls and advance girls' right to a quality education.

Through our original content, educational programs, and movement building, we create change so that girls are free to go to school, complete their education, and pursue futures of their own choosing.



Future Rising

**An initiative of Girl Rising to create
grassroots storytelling
about girl-led, local climate solutions**

FUTURE RISING IS A STORY ENGINE

We surface, create, and amplify local climate stories for, by, and about girls and women on the frontlines of the climate crisis.

Short Films

Graphic novels

Podcasts

Photo essays

Journalism

Multimedia

Animation





The **Future Rising** Fellows are visionary local climate leaders working on gender and climate justice. We provide **storytelling training** and support each Fellow to make content about their **local activism**.

Future Rising Fellowship Experience

Stipend of \$5000 plus option to apply for an additional funds for projects

Monthly virtual convenings with guest speakers who offer insights on storytelling and environmental justice and where fellows share updates on their projects

Access to experts and mentors for professional guidance and creative advice

Be part of a **community of young leaders** from all over the world.

Participation in Girl Rising events and programming. Access to funding for travel to conferences

Publication and distribution of your work by Girl Rising



2021 (Cohort 1) Future Rising Fellows Projects

Click on images to view excerpts



Who Is She?

Alex created a multimedia series about the impacts of climate change on girls in marginalized communities in **Vietnam**.



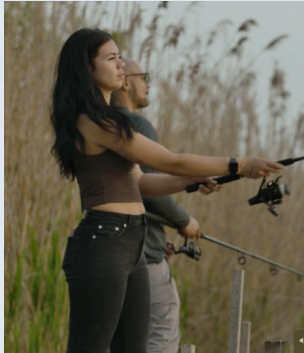
Idara's Story

Ayo's graphic novel is about a young **Nigerian** girl who is forced to become a 'money wife' when her family's crops fail.



In Embu County

Calton's short film is about the fortunes of one family for whom the impacts of plastic dumping in Embu County, **Kenya** lead to early marriage.



She is Water

Tia's short film is a personal story about the impact of contaminated water on her indigenous community in **First Nations Canada**. (rough cut)



Heroes

Eden, from **Ethiopia**, made a podcast about a gender equity and climate activist from the **Bahamas**.



Paz's Clouds

Julieta's short film is about one of the graduates from her climate academy 'Climaticas' and the impact of heavy industry in one of **Chile's** 'sacrifice zones.'



Future Rising 2023's Special Topics

- 1. Girls and Women in Conservation**
- 2. Local Solutions**



Special Topic #1: Women and Girls in Conservation

- Reforestation
 - Ocean conservation
 - Wildlife conservation
 - Rewilding
 - Mangroves preservation
 - Land management
 - Urban greenspaces
 - Ecotourism
 - Natural solutions
 - Nature reserves and protected areas
- And more...



Special Topic #2: Local Solutions

- Waste management / recycling
 - Renewable energy
 - Green spaces
 - Lake/beach clean ups
 - Climate smart agriculture
 - Smallholder farming
 - Climate education
 - Food and water security
 - Climate adaptation
 - Seed banking
- And more...



CRAFTING YOUR STORYTELLING PROJECT

Questions to consider when planning your project

- Why is this story important?
- How does it relate to environmental justice or climate change?
- How does it relate to the particular stories of girls or women?
- Who is the story about? A person or group of people?
- Do you have access to your story subjects?
- Think about telling emotional, human stories with characters.
- Can you follow the story over time to show change?
- Can you plan to try to capture particular moments - harvest of crops; first day of school; extreme weather; moments of success
- Are you trying to make an argument or persuade your audience of something?
- Who do you want your audience to be?



WORK SAMPLES

- **DO submit work samples. Applications without work samples will not be considered.**
- **These can be examples of your previous storytelling work**
 - **writing samples (short stories, articles, narrative blogs), photo essays, comic strips, graphic novels, multimedia work, or links to videos or websites that exhibit your previous work).**
- **An excerpt /example of the proposed work**
- **Background materials about proposed work**
- **Anything that you think will show us your storytelling abilities**
- **If you have already submitted an application and would like to send additional materials, you may. Use the same application link. Indicate that this is a REVISED APPLICATION**

Q & A

Your questions answered



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For questions about the Future Rising Fellowship

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