

The Educate, Motivate, Innovate Initiative



Building the Next Generation of Environmental Justice Leaders

On June 23, 2015, The White House launched the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice's (IWG EJ) new Educate, Motivate and Innovate (EMI) Climate Justice Initiative.

Mission:

The EMI working group is comprised of federal government staff from four different federal agencies with a focus on the next generation of young environmental-justice leaders through engagement and collaboration with Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). The EMI program seeks to expand opportunities to address the impacts of environmental changes on environmental justice communities.

EMI collaborations include Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions.

Since March of 2016, EMI has conducted workshops and panel sessions during the annual National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program, as well as the 2017 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Student Conference and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference. At each workshop and panel, EMI has offered students the opportunity to present their work and research focused on the effects of environmental changes on minority, low-income, and/or tribal populations and on understanding the relationships among these changes and human health, economic development, and environmental justice. The EMI program provides students with a platform to share their work with a large audience of professionals and practitioners, highlighting their efforts and promoting their voices.

To view videos and get more information about EMI and how to participate, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/federal-interagency-working-group-environmental-justice-ej-iwg#emi>

Goals

Educate

Provide a two-way learning experience, access to information, platform to expand and share knowledge and ideas, and bridge the communication and capacity building gaps

Motivate

Ignite interest, nurture growth and commitment to addressing the complex issues around climate change and EJ vulnerable communities

Innovate

Embrace the opportunity for creative thought and action

Spread the Word!

Open to undergraduate and graduate students attending an MSI or Tribal College or University.

Call for 2020 Student Environmental Justice Presentations - late fall 2019.

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