

Initiative Overview: Corps to Climate Careers Connecting Opportunity Youth to Green Service and Career Opportunities – Fall 2024



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With support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, The Corps Network, the Brookings Institution, and the Urban Institute are jointly investigating **opportunities to develop, strengthen, and scale pathways that link Service Corps programs to climate and infrastructure job opportunities and – simultaneously – connect employers in high-growth industries to new sources of talent.** Through a series of information gathering, research, and analysis activities, the partners will collaboratively identify strategies to:

- Equitably connect young people (approximately 18-24) who are disconnected – or at risk of disconnection – to career pathways that lead to high-quality jobs that provide living wages, benefits, opportunities for advancement, and good working conditions.
- Foster new or expanded partnerships and programs that address workforce development and talent pipeline needs, including cultivating connections that more formally link Corps programs to post-service training and employment opportunities.
- Leverage state and federal investments in youth Service Corps programs, including the American Climate Corps.
- Leverage state and federal investments in job-producing climate and infrastructure initiatives, including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) / Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
- Grow commitment to young adult career development from organized labor and employers.

The research team will periodically request data and information from The Corps Network members over the course of the project. Your participation is optional, but will help to ensure that the insights and experiences of service corps programs and volunteers are reflected in the study findings.

This project will launch in **October 2024** and conclude by **early spring 2025**. At the end of the study, the partners will share their joint recommendations for new or expanded programs, policies, and investments with The Corps Network members and other key stakeholders through a series of publications and presentations.

