The 2035 Initiative: Environmental Justice Fellowship
The Observatory of Environmental Justice in Latin America

**Project Background**
Latin America is full of globally relevant ecosystems and critical natural resources but also experiences extensive violence against environmental activists trying to protect those resources. The Observatory of Environmental Justice (OEJ) is a network where scholars, students, and practitioners can study how inequalities interact with environmental issues in the region, with emphasis on institutional frameworks and political dynamics.

The fellow will work closely with a Bren graduate student and Dr. Cesar Martinez-Alvarez on a foundational OEJ project. The fellow pair will collect and analyze data to measure the impact of extractive industries in Latin America. This will include at least three major tasks: (1) organize a dataset of public health outcomes in Mexico for localities exposed to mining and oil; (2) connect with local contacts to organize a list of activists and organizations working on these issues at the local level (3) pilot a survey about attitudes and responses to extractive industries. The undergraduate student will, in turn, lead an effort to develop a literature review on the topic of responses to extractive industries from a political science perspective and will also support the work of the graduate student.

**Desired Qualifications**
- Experience and/or interest in environmental justice
- Data management skills
- Experience in research and literature review
- Spanish language proficiency preferred
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

**Details**
The position is 10 weeks, 35 hours per week, with exact dates flexible between late June to mid-September. The position can be fully remote, or in-person/hybrid in 2035’s office at UCSB. The student will receive a $6500 stipend. This position is part of the Bren Environmental Leadership (BEL) Program – the fellows will participate in professional development training during the summer and a poster session at the Mantell Symposium on Environmental Justice and Conservation Innovation in Fall 2024. Applicants must be full-time continuing undergraduate students at UCSB (not graduating within the 2024 calendar year).

**How to Apply**
Please submit applications using [this form](#) by March 3 at 11:59 pm. Applications should include:
- A brief statement (2-3 paragraphs) or cover letter describing why you are interested in this project and how your experience and qualifications make you a good fit for the position.
  We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment and supporting diverse students in Environmental Science, including those from underrepresented, low-income, and first-generation college backgrounds, and those active in DEI, environmental justice, or social justice. **We welcome insights into how your experiences or perspective might shape your contribution to the BEL community.**
- A resume or CV, including any relevant coursework and previous experience

**Interview and Selection Process:** Approximately two weeks after the submission deadline, applicants selected for interviews will be notified by email. Though only some students will be selected for interviews, all applicants will be notified of the status of their application when the interview/selection process is complete (approximately 3-4 weeks after application deadline).