Certified Project Officer (CPO) Scholarship Program

Background

The **Center for Project Innovation (CPI)** is a leading organization dedicated to transforming project management training and certification. Its mission is to equip professionals at all career stages with essential skills through globally recognized certification programs, personalized mentoring, and accessible online learning resources. CPI offers masterclasses and workshops tailored to various sectors, ensuring industry-specific training that meets unique needs. With a global presence spanning over 47 countries, CPI significantly impacts the careers of project managers worldwide, including collaborations with organizations like the U.S. Department of Defense to assist veterans in their career transitions. Committed to accessibility, CPI provides education without hidden fees or re-examination costs, making quality training available to all. Through its comprehensive offerings, CPI empowers a new generation of skilled project managers capable of addressing complex challenges across diverse fields.

The **Climate Resilience and Adaptation Network (CRAN)** is an organization focused on enhancing the resilience of communities to climate change and environmental challenges. By promoting sustainable practices and empowering local initiatives, CRAN aims to build capacity among volunteers, community leaders, and organizations dedicated to climate action. The network provides resources, training, and support to help individuals and groups implement effective strategies for climate adaptation, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing. CRAN engages with disadvantaged populations, offering opportunities to develop professional skills that enhance employability and social impact. Through its initiatives, CRAN seeks to create a more resilient society capable of navigating the impacts of climate change while promoting environmental sustainability and community empowerment.

Overview of the Program

The CPO Scholarship Program provides full scholarships, covering the entire cost of the CPO program. The training equips participants with essential project management competencies, enabling them to:
- Develop professional project planning and execution skills.
- Enhance leadership and teamwork abilities.
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness in project implementation.
- Strengthen their ability to manage complex projects and community initiatives.

Program Structure The program follows a structured and interactive training approach, emphasizing practical learning, peer collaboration, and mentorship. Participants will engage in a comprehensive learning process covering:

- Core principles of project management.
- Effective leadership and team collaboration.
- Resource planning and risk management.
- Stakeholder engagement and communication.
- Problem-solving and decision-making in project environments.

Eligibility Criteria The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- Candidates must be **Somali nationals**, aged between 15 and 29.
- Volunteers actively contributing to climate and environmental issues.
- Community leaders engaged in local initiatives.
- Individuals facing socio-economic challenges aiming to build professional skills.
- Small business owners and entrepreneurs supported by **CRAN**.

Expected Commitment Scholarship recipients are required to:

- Fully participate in and complete the CPO program.
- Engage in all training sessions and activities.
- Apply acquired skills in their respective fields or community initiatives.
- Actively collaborate with peers and mentors throughout the program.

Selection Criteria and Application Process Applicants will be assessed based on:

- Their demonstrated commitment to professional growth and community service.
- Leadership potential and interest in project management.
- Their ability to apply project management skills within their work or community.

The selection process will ensure diversity in background, profession, and geographic representation. **Candidates must submit an application along with Resume / CV.**

Key Dates

Call Opens: **30 January 2025**

Call Closes: **5 February 2025**

Application Outcomes Announced: **9 February 2025**

The Program will start on 13 February 2025

How to Apply Interested applicants must complete the application form available at: **https://forms.gle/eZ4NojkXwGqchQqv8**

This initiative represents a commitment to skill development and community empowerment. CRAN and CPI will work collaboratively to ensure that the program achieves its intended impact.