



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COUNCIL 2021

Houston Audubon is accepting applications for its 2021 Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC) through **December 4, 2020**. The goal of the YPAC is to engage the next generation of conservationists and to build awareness of Houston Audubon's mission among young professionals. YPAC members have the chance to make a significant impact in the world of bird conservation and play an important role in enhancing wildlife habitat.

The inaugural Young Professionals Advisory Council kicked off in 2019 during Houston Audubon's 50th anniversary year with 17 dedicated members. This group of passionate young conservationists launched the first ever Houston Bird Week and successfully ran a contest to determine the official Bird of Houston – the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. In the second year, the YPAC tackled great challenges with a global pandemic, and helped organize a Bird Week that was mostly virtual. They began preparations for several other community projects.

About Houston Audubon

Houston Audubon, founded in 1969, is a nonprofit charitable conservation organization committed to enhancing life on the Upper Texas Coast for birds and people. It is dedicated to advancing the conservation of birds and positively impacting their environments through habitat conservation, environmental education, and conservation advocacy. Houston Audubon owns and manages 17 sanctuaries in five counties totaling almost 3,500 acres. It delivers hundreds of nature-based program experiences for children and adults every year.

Term

The time commitment for this membership is 12 months, consisting of 6 bi-monthly meetings and any additional socials or desired volunteer time with Houston Audubon.

The ideal candidate is:

- Between 25 and 35 years old and active in the professional and/or academic community
- A strong leader eager to make an impact in the world of conservation
- Committed to volunteering their time, abilities and energy to support Houston Audubon
- Energetic and productive

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Attend bi-monthly meetings (**mandatory attendance of at least 4 of the 6 meetings**)
- Current Houston Audubon membership required (starting at \$30)
- Collaborate with YPAC members to complete annual "YPAC Project" in line with Houston Audubon's mission
- Work with YPAC members to coordinate and execute annual Houston Bird Week
- Provide time and talent to Houston Audubon in an advisory role
- Assist Houston Audubon in its efforts to strengthen its recruitment and retention of young professional supporters by engaging the next generation of conservationists
- Serve as an enthusiastic advocate for Houston Audubon and network on behalf of the organization

Benefits

- The opportunity to collaborate and socialize with like-minded young professionals
- Build leadership skills and personal development
- The chance to give back to your community and make a positive impact on the natural environment
- The fulfillment of completing a team conservation project with other YPAC members
- Opportunities for growth in the organization

Commitment

2021 Meeting Dates (attendance required)

- January – kick-off social date TBD
- February 4
- April 1
- June 3
- August 5
- October 7
- December 2
- Optional socials to be scheduled

* Meetings will take place the first Thursday of every other month at Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary at 4:30 pm. With COVID19 still a threat, meetings may take place virtually until we can safely host in-person meetings.

To apply for this volunteer role, please submit the following documents to Anna Vallery and Zineera Seth at ypac@houstonaudubon.org by **December 4, 2020**.

- YPAC Application
- Letter of recommendation – can be submitted with application or emailed by referrer