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Applications for the 7th cohort of the Homeward Bound women in STEMM leadership initiative will open tomorrow, September 8, 2021.

A group of 100 women with a STEMM background (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine) from around the world will be selected to take part, joining almost 600 women who have already undertaken this visionary leadership program.

Homeward Bound founder Fabian Dattner says the initiative's premise, that Mother Nature Needs Her Daughters, is an urgent call to action for women to stand up to be the collaborative, inclusive, legacy-minded leaders our planet needs.

"Mother Nature really does need her daughter's; more of us standing up as leaders to be collaborative, inclusive, and legacy minded. Homeward Bound was founded to create a global network of 10,000 women with a STEMM background willing and able to lead and solve our planet's greatest challenges.



"It is with great pleasure that we announce the opening up of Homeward Bound 7 applications. This is the seventh cohort of women we are working with to build the leadership skills needed for a sustainable future for our planet. I can't imagine a more important time or more important group of women to elevate."

The vision of Homeward Bound is to support and engage a 10,000-strong global collaboration of women with a STEMM background to lead, influence and contribute to decision-making as it informs the future of our planet. The overarching purpose is leading for the greater good, managing the planet as our home.

The inaugural Homeward Bound program took place throughout 2016, culminating in the largest all-woman Antarctic expedition. It was a life-changing experience for everyone - the participants and the leadership team.

Since then, three more program cohorts have completed the program, with two cohorts currently undertaking the online training. A global meet-up will be offered as an extension to the #TeamHB7 virtual program when international travel is again equitable and safe.



"In Homeward Bound, during the virtual year that precedes the global meet up, we focus on the personal legacy of leadership; your own leadership philosophy and your willingness to deep dive into the stories participants tell themselves.

"We help leaders think carefully about the choices they can make and the benefits of a more constructive mindset. We create abundant space to reflect. We facilitate deep insight into the power of visibility and why this matters so much for women with a STEMM background. We build personal agency – no matter the level of the individual – and we do this all toward a shared purpose – together collaborating for a more sustainable future.

"Over and over, I observe women parking ego and personal gain for legacy, bringing their willingness to learn more and do more for future generations.

"I know a lot is being written about women, women leaders and women's initiatives. I keep reminding myself that eventually these conversations, and the increasing visibility of women will lead to more women leading. It is what I hope for, why Homeward Bound exists, why the many contributors (faculty, coaches, our Board, and donors) give their time and energy to this initiative."

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**Pictured – Fabian Dattner, founder Homeward Bound Projects.
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