

Hundreds of colleges and universities are leading the nation to address climate disruption...



Is yours one of them?

Climate disruption from global warming is the defining challenge of our time. The world's leading scientists have ended the debate: emissions caused by human beings are responsible for climate change that will threaten the planet's ecosystems, the world economy and the lives of millions. Human activities are responsible for the problem, and working together humans have the capacity to solve the problem by creating better systems for meeting our needs.

One effective approach to creating these solutions is the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). The ACUPCC is a high-visibility effort to move campuses toward sustainability and address global warming by garnering institutional commitments to reduce and ultimately eliminate net greenhouse gas emissions on campus, while promoting the education and research needed to help the rest of society do the same. The signatories of the ACUPCC are out in front and leading the way on this issue. In keeping with their tradition of academic leadership, these presidents are creating the first collective effort by any major sector to set the ultimate goal of *climate neutrality* – not just a reduction in emissions.

The ACUPCC:

- Fits squarely into the education, research and public service missions of Higher Education
- Is driven by the presidents themselves who provide the strategic direction to address the education, research and operational changes needed to combat global warming on their campuses
- Provides a cohesive, *collective action* that will accelerate the process through knowledge sharing, the development of common standards and best practices, and buying power
- Will produce real results by identifying 2 tangible actions right away, completing an inventory within a year and a climate action plan within 2 years, and ongoing public reporting to ensure follow-through
- Is flexible and feasible, as each institution creates their own plan and target dates; purchasing offsets is not a requirement
- Complements and strengthens current climate initiatives on any campus by providing an effective vehicle to engage at the national level, avoid reinventing the wheel and catalyze efforts – whether your schools is just starting or has been at it for years



The fight against global warming is gathering momentum among students, faculty and administrators in higher education and in the public and corporate sectors. Early movers can realize extensive benefits in funding, attracting talent, achieving long-term cost reduction and generating broad support from alumni and communities while leading America to a new energy and economic future that is hopeful, healthy and prosperous. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about the initiative, and see how hundreds of colleges and universities are already meeting these challenges and reaping the rewards.

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