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## Global University Climate Forum

The Global University Climate Forum brings student activists together to share ideas, learn, connect, and act on the global imperative of addressing climate change. Multidisciplinary teams of students at all levels from all parts of the world are invited to submit their ideas for climate action projects using this form. Selected teams will be invited to participate in a series of workshops between May and September 2023. After the workshops, students will execute their ideas and report on progress. Successfully completed projects will be included in a publication to be issued during the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in the United Arab Emirates.

Participation will require three phases:

- **Proposal development:** these must be submitted through the official form and may require refinement based on reviewer feedback.
- **Workshop attendance:** each team member must attend at least three of the online workshops to be offered by the Forum.
- **Project Execution:** teams will have six months to implement and test their ideas. During this time, they will be required to post monthly updates.

Successful participants will contribute to a publication to be released at the 2023 COP (a template will be provided). Certificates will be granted to students who complete all three phases of the program.

### Important Milestones

The deadline for application is **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. \* Selected teams will be announced by **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. The workshops will take place between **May and September**. Monthly reporting will start in **May**. Final reports will be due **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

\*Students who are not in term at the time of the deadline may request an extension. Please contact [karlatr@upenn.edu](mailto:karlatr@upenn.edu) to inquire about this option.

### A Note about Diversity and Inclusion

The online nature of the 2023 program makes it accessible to a broad array of students around the world. The online nature of the workshops will also allow for a robust variety of presenters. The starting list of topics is based on expertise of partner institutions, but the topics and timing will be expanded to ensure that the presenters are globally representative. Additional facilitators will also be appointed to guarantee that discussion sessions can be developed synchronously across time zones.

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## Application

The 2023 Global University Climate Forum is open to teams of students at any level of higher education. The suggested team size is 2 to 5, and multidisciplinary is encouraged.

### General Guidelines

- Applications will only be accepted through the online form.
- Proposals may reflect ongoing projects and activities so long as they are the intellectual capital of the students applying and there is a projected measurable outcome during the duration of the Forum implementation period. New projects and ongoing projects will be subject to feedback from reviewers.
- Student teams **must identify an advisor** from their Higher Education Institution (HEI). This can be a faculty member or an administrative staff member, but an official form will require the active involvement of that individual. Alumni mentors are also encouraged.
- The Forum will provide expert mentors upon request.

### University Information

Name of Institution:	
Country:	
Website:	

### Project Information

Project title:	
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### Project Details

Please select your track:

- **Track 1: Inspiration and Empowerment:** Develop a creative approach to raising awareness and influencing others using tactics such as video, art, writing, games, community events, or social media.
- **Track 2: Ideas into Action:** Propose a student-led climate-related project on campus or in the community that will affect measurable change over the course of six months.
- **Track 3: Resilience:** Devise a way to help your school or community adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- **Track 4: Nature-Based Solutions:** find a way to connect community members with their natural world – both acknowledging our reliance on nature and the role we can play as stewards.
- **Track 5: Innovation and Imagination:** For projects that do not fit into the other tracks, ideas in this category can be revolutionary, entrepreneurial, and creative.

All proposals must be actionable by students rather than theoretical. Proposals may reflect ongoing projects and activities so long as they are the intellectual capital of the students applying and there is a projected measurable outcome during the duration of the Forum implementation period. New projects and ongoing projects will be subject to feedback from reviewers.

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### WHY Statement (100 words max)

Please explain why your project matters. Who will it impact? Who will it inspire? What will it change?

### Vision Statement (100 words max)

If you are successful, what will have happened?

### Project Overview (250 words max)

Please offer details on your intended goals, tactics and outcomes. If your project is already under way, please explain what has happened to-date and what you intend to accomplish during the six months of the Forum.

*Tip: As you are shaping your ideas, consider using the SMART Goal framework to shape your ideas: Is your project Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-based? You do NOT need to use that format to describe your idea, but ask yourselves whether you can answer all of these prompts.*

### Metrics for Success (100 words max)

Please describe the baseline for your project and how you will measure success during implementation.

*Tip: Measurement can include, but is not limited to, a completed communication project such as a video, an article, or a social media campaign; number of views, impressions, or clicks; members or participants on an activity; reduction in GHG-producing activities such as energy consumption, travel, or food choices.*

### Student team members:

It is recommended that student teams do not exceed 5. Please indicate below if you would like to request an exception. Level should be used to indicate undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral status.

	Name	Discipline / Major	Email	Education level	Expected Graduation Year
<b>Student 1</b>					
<b>Student 2</b>					
<b>Student 3</b>					
<b>Student 4</b>					
<b>Student 5</b>					

Please indicate if you would like to request an exception to the five-person limit.

Yes	
No	

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Please explain why you are requesting a team of more than 5 students

### Advisor Information

Each project must have at least one advisor. Primary advisors must be academic or administrative staff at your college or university. Alumni may serve as additional advisors.

	Full name	Education level	Title	Department	Email
Advisor 1					
Advisor 2					
Advisor 3					

### Additional Questions

Do any of your team members have a research project associated with your proposed project? If YES, please explain.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain:

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Will your project require funding?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain how you plan to obtain funds.

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Do you foresee any challenges in executing your project?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Please explain how you plan to overcome barriers.

Upon request, the Forum will supply student teams with mentors who are sustainability experts from universities around the world. Would your team like to be considered for a mentor?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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By clicking “submit” each member of this team has agreed to participate in the 2023 Global University Climate Forum, and the advisor(s) listed have agreed to act in that capacity.

**SUBMIT**