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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 during the week of November 9th, 2020. 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 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Glasgow, Scotland.

Participation will require three phases:

- **Proposal development:** these must be submitted through this form and may require refinement based on reviewer feedback.
- **Workshop attendance:** each member of the team must attend at least three online sessions during the week of November 9th, 2020. Team members can attend different workshops, and there is no limit to the number of sessions a student can attend.
- **Project Execution:** teams will have 6 months to implement and test their ideas. During this time, they will be required to post monthly updates through the Forum's website.

Certificates will be granted to students who complete **all three phases of the program**. (NB: Even if the program does not go as hoped, the act of following through with the idea and documenting progress – or barriers thereto – is seen as success.)

Important Milestones

The deadline for application is **30 September 2020**.^{*} Selected teams will be announced by **15 October 2020**. The workshops will take place between **9 and 13 November**. Monthly reporting will start in December 2020. Final reports will be due **15 May 2021**.

^{*}Students who are not in term at the time of the deadline may request an extension. Please contact sustainability@yale.edu to inquire about this option.

A Note about Diversity and Inclusion

The online nature of the 2020 program will make it more accessible to a **broader array of students** around the world than would have been possible for an in-person program. To ensure that the event is inclusive but not oversubscribed or imbalanced toward particular regions, the organizers may

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set limits to the number of teams per country. Should this limit be reached, acceptance will be based on the excellence of the proposals. If there are opportunities to encourage student teams to work together on similar ideas, this may be offered as an alternative.

Application

The 2020 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:	
Lead Administrator:	<i>(President, Rector, etc....)</i>

Project Information

Project Name:	
Start date:	(estimated) (MM/DD/YYYY)
End date:	(estimated) (MM/DD/YYYY)

Project Details

Please select your track:

- *Track 1: Inspiration and Empowerment.*
Develop a creative approach to raising awareness on climate change and influencing others using tactics such as video, art, writing, 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, after the workshop has taken place.

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- *Track 3: Governance and Policy Innovation.*
Select a local, national, or global climate policy or governance mechanism and conduct an analysis either on how it can be improved or how your college or university can contribute to its implementation (remember – the idea MUST be actionable).
- *Track 4: Innovation and Imagination.*
If none of the three defined tracks suit your project, please blaze your own path. Ideas in this category can be revolutionary, entrepreneurial, and creative. However, they must be actionable and should be designed to yield measurable results over the course of six months. Also remember that all projects must have a university-affiliated sponsor.

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. Please see the Forum [website](#) for additional suggestions.

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	Level	Expected Graduation Year
Student 1					
Student 2					
Student 3					
Student 4					
Student 5					

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

Yes
No

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	Title	Department	Email
Advisor 1				
Advisor 2				
Advisor 3				

Team Dynamic

Clear roles and responsibilities are the key to successful teamwork. While many people on the team should be responsible for the work, **one** person per team should be accountable for ensuring that the work is executed, and progress is reported to the Forum. Please indicate the role each member of your team will play.

Accountable: This person takes the lead on organizing the work and communicating with the Forum. You may only have one Accountable person.

Responsible: All student team members should be responsible. Please list names and roles to be played. Depending on how active your advisor(s) will be, they may also be Responsible.

Consulted: Every deliverable is strengthened by review and input. Consulted parties typically provide feedback based on their role or expertise. Consider enlisting peers and professionals in this role.

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Informed: It can be quite strategic to inform select members of your community and key stakeholders of your progress. Think about who would benefit from updates, and how that might advance your project.

Additional Questions

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

Yes
No

Explain:

Will your project require funding?

Yes
No

Please explain how you plan to obtain funds.

Do you foresee any challenges in executing your project?

Yes
No

Please explain how you plan to overcome barriers.

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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"/>

By clicking "submit" each member of this team has agreed to participate in the 2020 Global University Climate Forum, and the advisor(s) listed have agreed to act in that capacity.

SUBMIT

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