



AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT



The fight against global warming will shape the 21st century.

The American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

Climate Leadership in Higher Education

Overview ACUPCC institutional action

- Establish an institutional structure to oversee the development and implementation of the schools' program to comply with the ACUPCC;
- Complete an emissions inventory within one year;
- Establish a climate action plan that includes a target date and interim milestones for becoming climate neutral within two years;
- Take immediate steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by implementing at least two of a list of seven tangible actions while the climate action plan is being developed;
- Integrate sustainability into the curriculum and make it a part of the educational experience; and
- Make inventory, climate action plan, and progress reports publicly available.

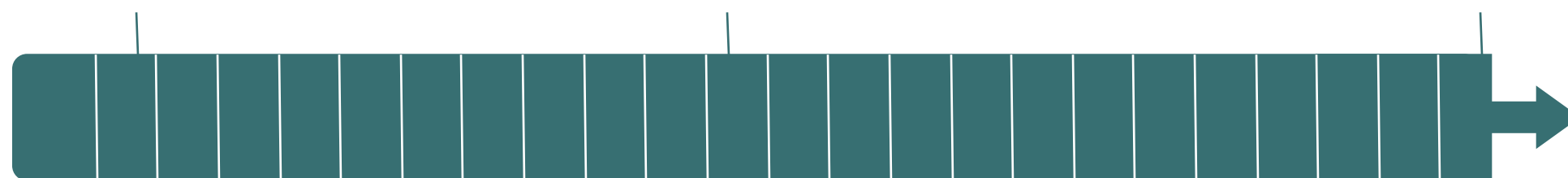


The Commitment

First 2
Months

Within
1 Year

Within
2 Years



Create institutional
structures

Complete inventory
of emissions

Develop institutional action plan
& initiate two of seven suggested
actions

Benefits & Opportunities for Auburn

- Attract research funding
- Attract talent
- Public-private partnerships
- Fulfill missions
- Lead technology race
- Operate more efficiently
 - Sasaki Comprehensive Master Plan addresses campus energy and water use
 - Performance Contracts / ACUPCC partnership with the William J. Clinton Foundation
- Stay ahead of regulatory curve

489 Signatories to date, including

Birmingham-Southern College
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California (10 institutions)
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Denver
Connecticut College
Wesleyan University
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Miami
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Kennesaw State University
LaGrange College
Boise State University
University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Chicago
Ball State University
Indiana State University
Berea College
Northern Kentucky University
Bowdoin College
University of Maine
Towson University
University of Maryland, College Park
Brandeis University
Smith College

Univ. of Massachusetts (3 institutions)
Grand Valley State University
Jackson Community College
Kalamazoo College
Carleton College
University of Minnesota
University of Central Missouri
Montana State University
University of Montana (4 institutions)
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Hampshire
New Mexico SU (5 institutions)
University of New Mexico (5 institutions)
Alfred University
Cornell University
Hamilton College
New York University
St. Lawrence University
SUNY (4 institutions)
Syracuse University
The City College of New York
Davidson College
Duke University
North Carolina State University
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Dakota
Oberlin College
Ohio University
University of Cincinnati
Xavier University
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma, Norman

Lewis & Clark College
Portland State University
Oregon State University
University of Oregon
University of Portland
Bucknell University
Haverford College
University of Pennsylvania
Villanova University
University of Rhode Island
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Furman University
Univ. of South Carolina (8 institutions)
University of South Dakota
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Memphis
Rice University
University of North Texas
Utah State University
Middlebury College
University of Vermont
George Mason University
James Madison University
University of Richmond
Washington and Lee University
Central Washington University
University of Washington
Washington SU (4 institutions)
Western Washington University
University of Wisconsin (8 institutions)
University of Wyoming

Climate Leadership in Action

- 17 campuses purchase 100% green electricity
- Energy independence at U Wisconsin
- Sustainability policies at U of California & California State
- UGA environmental literacy
- Clemson Sustainable Building Policy
- Harvard's Green Loan fund
- U of Colorado-Boulder wind turbine

Auburn University has already begun to address several terms of the commitment

1.c.iii	Actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for all students.	AU Sustainability Initiative, Architecture, Engineering Natural Resources Management & Development Institute (NRMDI)
1.c.iv	Actions to expand research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality.	Architecture Engineering NRMDI
2.b	Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.	Discussions underway between SI and Purchasing
2.d	Encourage use of and provide access to public transportation for all faculty, staff, students and visitors at our institution.	Recent expansion of Tiger Transit
2.g	Participate in the Waste Minimization component of the national RecycleMania competition, and adopt 3 or more associated measures to reduce waste.	AU currently competing with other SEC schools

Resolution to Endorse the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment

- Whereas, the challenge to reverse global warming will reshape the 21st century, and
- Whereas, colleges and universities train leaders of the future, and
- Whereas, campuses that address the climate challenge will better serve their students and meet their social mandate to help create a thriving, ethical and civil society, and
- Whereas, The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment is a joint pledge by university presidents to develop comprehensive plans for making their campuses climate neutral as well as to provide the critical education and research necessary for society to re-stabilize the world's climate, and
- Whereas, Auburn University, as a land-grant university, is particularly well suited to address the challenges of climate change, and
- Whereas, Auburn University has begun the process of addressing the challenges of sustainability and climate change through administrative policies, faculty research, and the Sustainability Initiative.
- Therefore, be it resolved, that the Auburn University senate endorses the adoption of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment