

UC Bonnie Reiss Carbon Neutrality Initiative Student Fellows Program

Application for 2018-2019 UC Davis Fellows

The University of California, a national leader in sustainability, launched the [Carbon Neutrality Initiative](#) (CNI) with an aim of emitting net zero greenhouse gases from its activities, buildings, and vehicle fleets by 2025. UC Davis is committed to: teaching and research that explores climate change solutions; expanding its energy efficiency efforts; increasing its use of renewably sourced energy; and undertaking other endeavors to achieve this goal. In order to reach carbon neutrality, it will be critical to engage the entire UC Davis community.

To encourage student engagement in the CNI and in general sustainability efforts at UC Davis, and to support work that students are doing to advance sustainable practices on the UC Davis campus, up to three students will be awarded \$4,000 each in stipend funds for project-based and engagement-based fellowships. All students (undergraduate, graduate and professional) are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for consideration students must stay enrolled through spring quarter 2019, be on campus, and be in good academic standing. All Fellows must be able to attend a required orientation on July 9, 2018 at UC Santa Barbara along with other requirements as outlined.

All of the awardees will work with the [UC Davis Office of Sustainability](#) and will attend weekly update meetings. Appointed Fellows will all serve as CNI engagement liaisons, although there will be one officially designated Reiss CNI Student Engagement Fellow who will be expected to fulfill reporting duties. Fellows will all share a \$1,000 budget for programming.

Responsibilities include:

- Learn about UC climate and sustainability programs, policies and opportunities to advance the goal of student engagement in the CNI and other sustainability programs
- Promote student awareness of the CNI and campus student fellow projects.
- Network and assist with publicizing campus events related to sustainability activities.

- Support efforts to rollout outcomes from associated CNI groups.
- Join monthly CNI Fellows system-wide conference calls.
- Attend local in-person Global Climate Leadership Council leadership meetings.
- Additional responsibilities are outlined in the attached Guidelines and Responsibilities document.

The expectation is that the awardees will provide a minimum of 8 hours per week of effort towards project, research and/or engagement activities in collaboration with other students and staff working on sustainability and carbon neutrality initiatives. The engagement fellows will contribute through planning and enacting activities, presentations, campus events tabling; creating various outreach materials; and communicating through social media and student engagement platforms, and other diverse activities.

Applications are due on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Applications must be complete and include the required three elements specified below. Submit application materials as a single PDF file to: sustainability@ucdavis.edu.

Applicants will be notified of their selection status on or before June 8, 2018.

Application Instructions for the Fellowship:

1. **Cover letter** (indicate whether you are applying for the Engagement or Project Fellowship)
 - Explain your interest in the Carbon Neutrality Initiative and sustainability efforts at UC Davis.
 - Describe successful communication, outreach and engagement efforts you've conducted.
 - If you are interested in the Project Fellowship, describe the project you propose and how it will benefit UC Davis and/or the whole UC.
 - If your project is research-based, include successful ways you've translated the science of your research to the general public.
2. **Résumé or curriculum vitae (CV)**
3. **Transcripts (an Advising Transcript is fine)**