



# Climate Change Research Program Engagement Events

## **UCOP Climate Action Initiative State Agency Briefing and Grantee Convening.**

Supported and served on an equity panel at the 2025 convening in April 2025. This event reported on the progress of the historic 2023 partnership with the state of California. The University of California has awarded \$83.1M in climate action funding.

**UCOP Community-Engaged S/HERO Awards Workshop Series** – presented at the August 26, 2024 workshop focused on finding and applying for research funding programs.

**2024 Climate Action Initiative Grantee Convening.** Supported and moderated an equity panel at this two-day convening in June 2024, which showcased funded projects as they delved into initial results, discussed ongoing research, found solutions to common issues, built collaborations, and explored ways to expand project impacts.

**2023 AGU Annual Meeting.** Staff chaired two events at the 2023 convening, a townhall and e-lightning session, both focused on SGC's Participatory Research to Policy Model.

**SGC Council Meeting Research Roundtable and Research to Policy events at UC Merced.** Developed and hosted two events at UC Merced in August 2022 prior to the afternoon SGC Council meeting showcasing how the CCR's research model can encourage the development and integration of meaningful collaboration with frontline communities in California resulting in actionable, context-sensitive, community-led climate research and pilot projects that increase resilience and quality of life.

**California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) Science Fellowships.** The program was assigned Science Fellows for four consecutive years. These fellows are trained on the craft and process of policymaking in the state of California, working alongside CCR staff to evaluate complex scientific issues and interpret data while tackling the program responsibilities. Science and Technology Fellows Program

**CCR Grantee Partner Interviews.** The purpose of these interviews was to gain a good understanding from the 28 Round 1 non-academic partner organizations about how to better integrate non-traditional research partners and stakeholders into the research funded by the Program, strengthening connections between State research efforts and California communities.

**Aspen Global Change Institute.** Part of a study on the impact of virtual interaction on forms of collaborative research where researchers and users meaningfully interact to co-produce knowledge and solutions. Results reported from a survey distributed to grantees performing collaborative research on environmental topics before and during the pandemic. Collaborative Research in a Virtual World: Implications of COVID-19 for the Co-Production of Environmental Knowledge and Solutions

**Thriving Earth Exchange Collaboration.** A collaboration with the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) Thriving Earth Exchange (TEX) launched an initiative to increase the capacity of ten under-resourced communities across the state of California to address their climate and/or sustainability priorities. TEX matched a volunteer Community Science Fellow to each of these communities, assigning them with the responsibility to shepherd a community science project from idea to impact. 2020 California Community Science Fellows

**Climate Change Research Symposium.** In November 2019, the program hosted an event focused on actionable science – research informed by meaningful community engagement. A group of 230 participants representing a balanced mix of scientists, community leaders, and State staff were interspersed between facilitated tables through sector-specific seating and remained with the same tablemates throughout the day to support building trust and a robust cross-sector dialogue.

**Meaningful Engagement in Research Forum.** Co-hosted with the California Council on Science and Technology, this high-level discussion considered shifting the research paradigm in California towards a model focused on meaningful engagement with non-academic research partners. 35 senior research officers from UC, CSU, and National Lab campuses joined 15 policy staff from SGC member agencies and departments for this discussion.

**CCR Spring 2019 Research Roundtables and Listening Sessions.** Staff conducted a two-week listening tour around the state to hear from the academic community and potential partnering organizations about how the program was working, and suggestions for improvement in future funding rounds.

**CCR Spring 2018 Research Roundtables.** Staff conducted several events around the state to hear from the academic community and potential partnering organizations about how the program was working, and suggestions for improvement in future funding rounds.

**CCR Fall 2017 Research Focus Groups.** Staff hosted a number of events throughout the state to discuss the CCR program, gain information about the state of climate research, and learn about gaps in funding.