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# REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION: 2019 Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit - Local Action. Global Impact.

Join us for the largest national gathering of higher education senior leaders committed to bold climate action!

When: February 10-12, 2019

Where: Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, Arizona

Audience: Approximately 250 participants, comprised of college and university presidents, chancellors, trustees and senior campus sustainability leaders.

Who should present: We understand how important it is for you to partner with other functional leaders to implement climate action strategies effectively. This is why we are open to speakers from all disciplines, backgrounds, and perspectives. We are also interested in hearing from campus and community leaders, including in business administration, risk management, finance, faculty and more.

Priority will be given to individuals and teams from Climate Leadership Network institutions and IEN member organizations.

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## Session Formats and Topics

### Session Formats\*

#### (New!) Next Level Conversations

Table-top discussions in 30 minute blocks, repeated 3-4 times, to allow participants to rotate and learn about a variety of topics. Proposals should be framed as conversations with presenters acting as hosts. These conversations are intended to allow participants to learn about cutting edge solutions and ideas. Presenters will guide conversations, seeking to further the understanding for all table attendees. With no more than 10 people at a table, these conversations are intended to be a highly direct way of conveying information and gathering feedback from participants.

#### Dialogue and Discussion

An hour-long breakout session that focuses on tangible knowledge and skills for sustainability leaders and teams. The best sessions are those that are highly interactive and facilitate peer-to-peer learning.

#### Workshops

Three-hour sessions that focus on tangible knowledge and skills. The expanded time frame allows participants the opportunity to dive deeper into a particular topic of interest. Workshops must include an interactive component and facilitate peer-to-peer learning. Note that workshops will be held on Sunday afternoon, preceding the welcome reception.

## Topics (listed as examples only):

100% renewable energy plan and goals  
Buildings (energy efficiency, energy management systems, etc...)  
Building consensus across the campus for climate action  
Carbon offsets (joint purchases, producing local projects)  
Climate action planning and goals setting integrated with other sectors and leaders (e.g. municipal, state business, etc)  
Climate finance (green bonds, community investing)  
Community Investing by Endowments  
Climate justice - the intersection of climate impacts, race, and underserved communities  
Climate solutions for under-resourced institutions  
Community partnerships and collaboration  
Cross-sector partnerships  
Energy storage via on campus systems  
Fuel-switching and infrastructure overhauls (including replacement and upgrading of energy distribution systems)  
Funding climate action through endowments and/or green revolving funds  
Investing in climate solutions by endowments  
Leveraging climate leadership for fundraising  
Procurement and supply chain  
Regionally-focused collaboration (carbon reduction and resilience planning)  
Renewable energy (large scale aggregate purchases, on-site, off-site)  
Resilience planning and assessment support  
Shareholder engagement by endowments for corporate climate leadership  
Successful student engagement – from campaigns to action  
Student managed investment funds (implementing sustainable, low-carbon, impact investing)  
Transformational education strategies around climate

\*Preference for proposals that represent more than one person's or institution's work.

\*Preference for racial and/or gender diversity of presenters.

\* Associate Colleges, MSI's, HBCU's encouraged to apply

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## Proposal Submission

The following questions must be completed before a submission is considered complete.

### 1. Session Title \*

Your answer

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### 2. Who is the intended audience for this session? \*

At least one required. Check all that apply.

President

Trustee

CFO/CIO

Faculty

Sustainability Professional

Implementation Liaison

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Session Type \*

Choose the session type that best fits your presentation. Please note: we may ask you to host your session in a different format.

Next Level Conversations

Dialogue and Discussion

Workshop

### 4. Abstract Submission \*

Please limit abstracts to 250 words or less.

Your answer

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### 5. Learning Objectives or Desired Outcomes \*

List three (3) learning objectives or desired outcomes. What will participants know or enable to do as a result of this session? Limit: 250 words.

Your answer

### 6. If submitting a Workshop Session, please describe how you will facilitate interactivity among participants.

This question is optional. Limit: 50 words

Your answer

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## For Your Information

### What you should bring

**Creativity and interactivity:** We want to expand participants' minds and help them think differently. We also want to help them learn from their peers, particularly in our Dialogues and Discussions and Workshops. We'll give strong preferences to proposals that pay special attention to creativity and innovative thinking.

**Diversity:** We strive to foster dialogue and idea-sharing among participants with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences.

### Summit Registration and Payment

Your registration to attend the Summit acts as your acceptance to present at the Summit. All accepted presenters are required to register, attend, and pay for the 2019 Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit. Selected speakers are responsible for all expenses incurred in conjunction with the Summit, including registration, housing and travel.

Accepted Presenters must be prepared to present on any day of the Summit, Sunday, February 10 through Tuesday, February 12.

Accepted Presenters will be extended the lowest registration fee for their respective registration type for three weeks after acceptances are announced.

All parties associated with the submission will be printed within the final program, with the exception of those individuals submitting on another's behalf.

### Reviews

Blind reviews will be conducted by peer volunteers who have expertise focused on sustainability and climate leadership within higher education. Second Nature and IEN will have the final decision for acceptances and determination of scheduling for sessions.

### Submission and Notification Timeline

This Request for Participation closes at midnight, October 17, 2018. Presenters will be notified of acceptance by November 14, 2018.

### Questions?

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