

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



We accelerate climate action in, and through, higher education.

We do this by mobilizing a diverse array of higher education institutions to act on bold climate commitments, scale campus climate initiatives, and create innovative climate solutions.

Join Us!



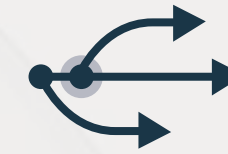
Membership In Our Network Supports Multiple Roles On Your Campus:

- Sustainability professionals
- Facilities staff
- Academics
- Administrators
- Students
- Others whose roles interface with institutional decarbonization and climate action



Second Nature Provides:

- **Networks** for learning and collaboration
- **Technical guidance** for decarbonization, and to strengthen best practice, research, and education in the service of climate action
- **Access to data** on GHG inventories, climate action, and resilience planning for research and case studies
- **Funding opportunities** through grants, awards, and pro-bono consulting
- Co-production of **guiding standards** for **collective impact** and accountability
- Support for **research and education**
- **Policy and advocacy** support for climate action
- **Knowledge and resource exchange**



Membership Pathways

Affiliate

Affiliate members are institutions that are taking bold action on climate in one or more diverse ways: through research, teaching, community engagement, and operational measures.

Climate Leadership Network Signatories

Signatories are colleges and universities that have made public commitments to leading climate action, signed by the institution's President or Chancellor, focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing campus adaptation and resilience, or both.

UC3

[UC3](#) members are R1 or equivalent research institutions across North America committed to accelerating climate action on campus, in communities, and at a global scale.

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Capacity and Network Building

Second Nature is committed to building the capacity of member institutions by providing funding, expert support, and exclusive tools that accelerate climate action and expand access to impactful solutions. We also recognize that the power of networks is greater than individual action, and we're building collective power by connecting institutions with peers, partners, and shared resources.

"I am so grateful to Second Nature for the invaluable work you do to not only inspire the big ideas but to enable the million and one small steps required to realize them."

- Sustainability Team Member, Washington and Lee University

Capacity Building



Network Building

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Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit

Second Nature's premier annual gathering of higher education leaders dedicated to addressing inequality and the climate crisis.

- Access discounted registration for individuals and campuses
- Receive priority consideration for presentation opportunities
- Enjoy additional discounts for speakers

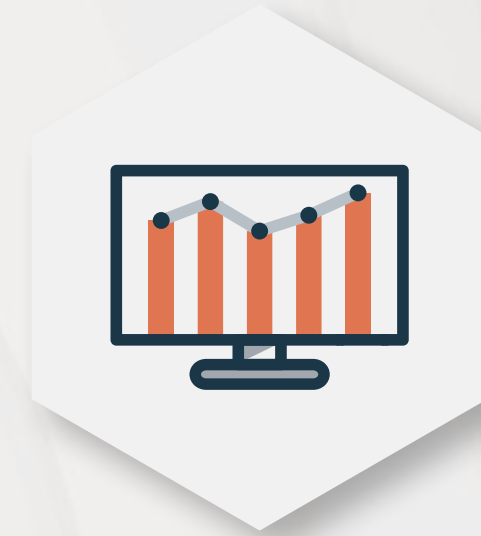
"The sessions were all outstanding with high-quality content, action-oriented discussion, and inspiring speakers. I particularly appreciated the attention given to the racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity of speakers and panelists."

- Participant from a Public Research University on the West Coast



Consulting, Funding, and Awards

- **Catalyst Grants** - Seed grants that are used to "spark" nascent projects. These unrestricted grants can build capacity for your work reducing emissions, increasing resilience, preparing students for clean energy careers, and advancing environmental justice. [<Link>](#)
- **Pro Bono Consulting** from top energy and sustainability firms [<Link>](#)
- **Climate Luminary Honors** - public recognition and cash rewards for exemplary climate action [<Link>](#)
- **Ongoing Storytelling** - we champion the work of member campuses within our network, and in the media - contact communications@second-nature.org to discuss uplifting your good work.
- **Carbon Credit and Purchasing Program (C2P2)**
- **Calyx Global Carbon Offset Ratings Platform Access** - Free member access to high-quality carbon offset ratings valued at \$8,000 - contact [Meredith Leigh](#).
- Waived speaking fees to have Second Nature President or staff appear at or participate in select campus events.



Data, Resources, and Technical Support

- **1:1 Staff support** - reach out to our staff with questions, suggestions, and ideas. For GHG reporting support, please contact [David Vasquez](#).
- **SIMAP reporting** - Affiliate members get a discount on their first-year subscription if they are new to SIMAP; Signatory members get the discount every year.
- **The Offsets Lab** - a container for innovation and experimentation around carbon offsets, including peer-reviewed project development. [<Link>](#)
- **Community Resilience Building (CRB) Workshops:** Members can access Community Resilience workshops facilitated in partnership with The Nature Conservancy. Email [Steve Muzzy](#) to set up an exploratory call.
- Opportunity to contribute to resources developed by Second Nature in support of other institutions.
- Access to sector-wide datasets to support goal-setting, benchmarking, research, and decision-making.
- Access to Second Nature's [Solution Center](#) and online [resources](#) pertaining to climate action planning, decarbonization, offsets engagement, and climate resilience.

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Become a
Second Nature
Member

Ready to accelerate your campus climate action? Join our network at secondnature.org/membership or contact us at info@secondnature.org to get started.

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"Being part of a national network committed to climate action in higher education and local communities help(s) reinforce the legitimacy of our efforts and provide(s) useful models to draw from.

– Colgate University, 2025



Working Groups

Second Nature's working groups, communities of practice, and advisory councils are spaces to engage with important issues alongside your peers, overcome challenges, share best practices, collaborate, and chart the path for future work.

- **Carbon Offsets Advisory Council** - [visit this webpage](#) for more info, or [sign up](#).
- **Climate Leadership Commitments Working Group** - contact [Bridget Flynn](#)
- **Climate Justice Working Group** - [sign up](#)
- **Intersectional Climate Action Leaders, serving leaders at HBCUs, Tribal Colleges and other MSIs** - [sign up](#)
- **Carbon Pricing & Social Cost of Carbon Working Group** - [sign up](#)
- **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Community of Practice** - [sign up](#)
- **Academic Leaders Alliance** - [request to join](#)
- **Resilience Working Group** - [sign up](#)
- **Community Colleges Working Group**



Newsletters

- **The Implementer** - Second Nature's monthly [e-newsletter](#), with more than 4,000 subscribers, is designed to provide higher education institutions, partners, thought-leaders, and others with information on what has happened, what is happening, and what is coming up regarding climate action both here at Second Nature and across the higher education sector.
- **Policy Updates** - [Subscribe](#) for current information on climate policy initiatives and legislation at the state, federal, and global levels. Updates include how campuses can take advantage of provisions within the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
- **Academics for Climate Action** bi-monthly information for academics including policy advocacy opportunities, requests for climate subject matter expertise, success stories of academic climate advocacy on campus and beyond, learning and networking opportunities for researchers and teaching faculty related to climate leadership. [Sign up here](#)