

# Joining the Climate Leadership Network

## Initiating or Expanding your Climate Leadership Commitment

### Before You Sign

Bold commitments to climate action by higher education leaders have a significant impact at their institution and beyond. To join the Climate Leadership Network, higher education presidents and chancellors can sign one of three commitments. Signatories can expand their commitment at any time.

Explore the options below to determine the best fit for your institution:

#### Current Signatory

A current Carbon Commitment signatory (formerly ACUPCC), and you want to **include Resilience**

A current Resilience Commitment signatory and you want to **include Carbon**

#### Future Signatory

An institution that is not part of the Climate Leadership Network and you want to **do both carbon and resilience work**

An institution that is not part of the Climate Leadership Network and you want to **focus on carbon neutrality**

An institution that is not part of the Climate Leadership Network and you want to **focus on climate resilience**

Sign

#### The Climate Commitment



Integrates carbon neutrality with climate resilience and provides a systems approach to mitigating and adapting to a changing climate.

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#### The Carbon Commitment



Focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving carbon neutrality as soon as possible.

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#### The Resilience Commitment



Focuses on climate adaptation planning and community capacity building to deal with a changing climate and resulting extremes.

**Shared elements of all three:** integration of sustainability in education curriculum, expanding research efforts, public reporting, and creating and revising an action plan.

### Signing

When the president or chancellor is ready to sign, [download](#) one of the commitments on our website, sign, and send to Second Nature using one of the two options:

#### Scan & email:

[commitments@secondnature.org](mailto:commitments@secondnature.org)

#### Mail:

Second Nature, 18 Tremont St., Suite 930, Boston, MA 02108

### After You Sign

After sending in your signed commitment, Second Nature will welcome the president or chancellor of your institution and share important resources for getting started. At that time, an Implementation Liaison will have to be appointed by your institution's president or chancellor, to lead the reporting requirements for the commitment.

After sending the signed commitment to Second Nature, many schools choose to have a public signing ceremony and announce their new commitment to local media. We are happy to support your communications surrounding these efforts.

#### For More Information:

If you have any questions, or require assistance, please email [commitments@secondnature.org](mailto:commitments@secondnature.org) or call Janna Cohen-Rosenthal, Climate Programs Director at 617-722-0036 x 209.