

Higher Education Carbon Pricing Program

Statements of Intent

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Yale

Carbon Charge

YALE UNIVERSITY

Program Revenue neutral levy on administrative units

Mission Statement The Yale Carbon Charge is testing the effectiveness and feasibility of carbon pricing on Yale's campus. This applied research has implications for energy policy, climate change mitigation, and environmental economics.

Goals The Yale Carbon Charge aims to:

- Advance best practices for putting a price on carbon emissions.
- Inform policy development around the world.
- Incorporate the social costs of climate change into university decisions.
- Engage the campus community in applied research on carbon pricing.



Carbon Charge Program

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Program Levy on units to support a sustainability fund, proxy price, and endorsement of state and national carbon pricing

Goals Statement Swarthmore believes that climate change poses the greatest threat to human well-being that we will face in our lifetimes, and that carbon pricing has a critical role in any national or global plan to mitigate that threat. Swarthmore established its internal Carbon Charge in 2016 with four primary goals:

- Provide a platform to educate and engage the community with carbon pricing solutions
- Incent reductions in Swarthmore's emissions
- Provide capital for projects that reduce our emissions
- Build momentum for state, national, and global implementation of carbon pricing

ASU Carbon Project

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Program Price on carbon for all university-sponsored air travel, used for offset projects

Goals Statement The ASU Carbon Project will purchase and develop offsets that address difficult-to-mitigate carbon emissions while supporting the ASU Charter. In addition to purchasing market offsets, ASU will develop local and community-based offset projects that:

- Reduce ASU's GHG emissions.
- Reduce the need to purchase offsets in the future.
- Support ASU education and research.



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Climate Action Program

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Program University of British Columbia's Climate Action Plan 2020 (Vancouver) and Whole Systems Infrastructure Plan (Okanagan) identify actions the university can take toward our climate targets and goals. These programs ensure our operations run responsibly and in compliance with British Columbia Provincial climate legislation which applies an explicit (externally-imposed) price on carbon.

Objectives Statement At University of British Columbia (UBC), we embrace sustainability as a societal conversation about the kind of world we want to live in, informed by an understanding of the ecological, social, and economic consequences of our individual and collective actions. We build the case for sustainability because we believe it is necessary—the consequences of unsustainability are devastating—it is the right thing to do ethically and in terms of distributive justice, and it is desirable in itself, offering the possibility of a better life for people and the planet.

UBC's climate action objectives are to mitigate climate change and meet public-sector carbon neutrality requirements by reducing GHG emissions. Co-benefits include:

- Reduce energy and carbon liability (costs of carbon tax and offsets) relative to business as usual
- Mitigate UBC's exposure to future volatility in conventional energy costs and increasing carbon liability
- Create more comfortable, durable and reliable buildings
- Leverage technology innovation, research and development at UBC and with industrial partners, and associated external funding
- Support the integration of sustainability challenges within the academy and capitalize on teaching and learning opportunities
- Bolster UBC's internationally recognized reputation for climate leadership and sustainability in operations and academics within a fiscally responsible framework.