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# **Second Nature Receives Major Gift to Support Cross-Sector Climate Action**

Boston, MA (June 19, 2019) -- Second Nature has received a generous gift of \$303,000 from a private donor to further the organization's work advancing collaboration and partnerships across sectors for scalable climate solutions. Cross-sector funding from this donor now has exceeded \$500,000 since 2014. Second Nature's cross-sector climate programs are part of its recently-released [core strategy](#) to exponentially accelerate climate action through higher education over the next decade.

"The generosity of this donor has allowed us to support higher education's climate action beyond the campus boundaries, bringing the sector's complementary strengths to help solve the biggest challenges to society posed by climate change." said Tim Carter, President, Second Nature. "This new gift will allow us to develop innovative approaches to extend this work over the next three years and we look forward to forging new partnerships that effectively leverage the investment."

The most recent gift will also supplement and support the network of research institutions known as the University Climate Change Coalition ([UC3](#)), which has now grown to 20 North American institutions committed to working across sectors in joint climate action efforts. Second Nature will ensure UC3 remains an active and generative group of institutions as an established coalition and extend Second Nature's ability to test the UC3 model across other types of institutions, such as liberal arts and associate colleges.

"Universities are an invaluable resource in the global fight against climate change," said University of California President Janet Napolitano. "This funding will build on the momentum generated by Second Nature and UC3 members over the last year as we continue to work with government, community, and industry partners to build a sustainable future for all."

For more than a decade, higher education institutions in the Climate Leadership Network, all signatories to one of the Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitments, have focused on aggressive carbon reduction activities in their pursuit of carbon neutrality. With the introduction of the Resilience Commitment in 2015, more than 100 campuses began incorporating resilience considerations into the Climate Action Plans and developing closer relationships with community and business leaders to meet shared climate goals.

## **About Second Nature**

Second Nature is committed to accelerating climate action in, and through, higher education. This is accomplished by mobilizing a diverse array of higher education institutions to act on bold climate commitments, to scale campus climate initiatives, and to create innovative climate solutions. Second Nature aims to align, amplify, and bridge the sector's efforts with other global leaders to advance urgent climate priorities. Learn more at: [secondnature.org](http://secondnature.org). For more information about UC3, visit <http://secondnature.org/uc3>.

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