

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS



Climate Ambassadors is a University of California - Alianza Mexico (Alianza MX) initiative to **build a network** of students in Mexico and California **and connect them with career opportunities** within the new climate economy and society. Climate Ambassadors are committed to a bilateral climate change and climate justice agenda that addresses challenges for communities, businesses, and society at large on both sides of the border.

COMPONENTS OF THE INITIATIVE



THE NETWORK

Meet and engage with like-minded students in California and Mexico to exchange perspectives, organize bilateral activities, and build cross-border connections with organizations in academia, business, government, and civil society.



THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Gain experience and insight through an internship with a company, government agency, or NGO affiliated with the network. Internships will offer students an understanding of how organizations seek to meet their climate and clean energy goals through activities such as defining ESG metrics, increasing supply chain resilience, engaging in environmental advocacy, and meeting the UND SDGs



THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Interact with climate change experts from the educational, government, and private sectors, who will share their expertise and offer the Ambassadors guidance on how to pursue action and careers in the new climate economy and society.



THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Strengthen your ability to pursue a career working on binational climate change issues, including through access to information about unique professional opportunities at organizations committed to a new climate agenda.

BENEFITS FOR AMBASSADORS

-  Career-enriching internship opportunities at organizations in California and Mexico committed to a new climate agenda
-  A binational platform to share and communicate innovative student research projects and work experiences
-  A space to interact with industry, academic, and government experts, learn from key innovators in California and Mexico and gain hands-on experience with climate action

ELIGIBILITY

-  Be at least 18 years old
-  Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a participating institution
-  Demonstrate at least intermediate-level English and Spanish language skills
-  Submit a personal statement (500 words max) that describes your skills, objectives, and determination to succeed as a Climate Ambassador
-  Commit to spending at least 8-10 hours a month engaging with fellow Climate Ambassadors and mentors in the network. An additional time commitment is required for internships, to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

As of Fall 2022, 34 Climate Ambassadors joined the initiative to begin defining a strong binational network and a climate agenda that will address current and future challenges for communities, business, and society at large on both sides of the border. The network is comprised of students from across the University of California system (including Davis, Merced, Riverside, and San Diego) as well as Mexican universities, such as the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Universidad Marista, El Colegio de México (COLMEX), Escuela Libre de Derecho, Universidad Anáhuac, and Universidad Iberoamericana.

COMMITTEES

Ambassadors have organized six committees to take leadership in organizing and making decisions around the diverse activities of the initiative. These committees collaborate with mentors and non-academic partners to enhance training needs and develop projects around the climate agenda.

Activity Development
 (Webinar Content)

Executive
 Committee

Partnerships &
 Internships

Climate Ambassador
 Podcast

Climate Ambassador
 Blog

Training Sessions
 Development

AMBASSADORS

- Aanvi Jhaveri, UC San Diego
- Abril Ramírez, Universidad Marista
- Adamari Martínez, UC San Diego
- Alejandro Sánchez, El Colegio de México
- Alfonso Ramos, Escuela Libre de Derecho
- Angela Flores, UC Merced
- Ariadna García, UC San Diego
- Bernardo Luis Mc Kelligan, El Colegio de México
- Caren Aguirre, UC San Diego
- Cristian Flores Negrete, El Colegio de México
- Diego Rodríguez, El Colegio de México
- Emilia Hall, Universidad Anáhuac
- Gabriel López Favela, UC Merced
- Gabriela Zapata, Universidad Marista
- Gemma Ortiz, UNAM
- Hanna Velez, UC San Diego
- Iyari Balderas Cruz, Universidad Iberoamericana
- Jessica Pérez Novelo, Universidad Marista
- Jimena Aragón Vlasich, Universidad Anáhuac
- Juan Manuel Aguirre, UNAM
- Kali Krishnan, UC Riverside
- Laila García Ferrer, El Colegio de México
- María Cortés, UC Merced
- María Fernanda Zúñiga, Universidad Anáhuac
- Mariana González, Universidad Marista
- Natalie Marrewa, UC San Diego
- Ricardo Hernández, UC San Diego
- Rogelio Barrios Rosas, UNAM
- Rubén Martínez Ramírez, UNAM
- Sofía Texcagua Torres, El Colegio de México
- Teresa de León Escobedo, UNAM
- Toi Conway, UC Davis
- Valeria Uribe, El Colegio de México
- Yazmín Franco, UC San Diego

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Students will interact with climate change experts from the educational, government, and private sectors, who will share their expertise and offer the Ambassadors guidance on how to pursue action and careers in the new climate economy and society.

ACTIVITIES

Guide and advice on academic and professional development of climate Ambassadors regarding the economic and social areas related to climate, from energy to nature and social justice.

Discuss key climate issues, such as

- Responses to COP27
- Economics of the energy transition
- Nature-based climate resilience
- Climate justice, health, and equity

Hold regular office hours to meet with Ambassadors individually or in small groups

Help Ambassadors network with key stakeholders across California and Mexico

Supervise or guide Ambassadors' research and non-research projects such as field work, policy brief writing, blue carbon issues, and restoration ecology

Participate in monthly webinars during Winter and Spring 2023 to share your research insights and professional experience with Ambassadors

MENTORS

- Adrian Fernandez, Mexico Climate Initiative
- Alejandro Guevara, Univ. Iberoamericana
- Ana Hanhausen, Plastic Oceans Mexico
- Andres Flores, WRI Mexico
- Alejandro Jaramillo, UNAM
- Darrel Jenerette, UC Riverside
- Elena Tudela, UNAM
- Francisco Ivan Hernandez, Univ. Autónoma de Yucatan
- Fonna Forman, UC San Diego
- Francisco Estrada, UNAM
- Gustavo Alanis-Ortega, Mexican Center for Environmental Rights (CEMDA)
- Isabel Studer, UC Alianza MX
- Karla Cedano, UNAM
- Leticia Gutierrez, Conservation International
- Leticia Merino, UNAM
- Leopoldo Rodriguez, Mexican Wind Energy Association (AMDEE)
- Nain Martinez, El Colegio de Mexico
- Nelson Delgado, Mexican Solar Energy Association (ASOLMEX)
- Norman Miller, UC Berkley
- Paul Almeida, UC Merced
- Patricia Tatto, Women in Renewable Energies Mexico (MERM)
- Steven Gaines, UC Santa Barbara
- Tracey Osborne, UC Center for Climate Justice and UC Merced
- Yosune Miquelajauregui, UNAM

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our partner organizations are the backbone of the internship programs offered to Climate Ambassadors. Through internships, Ambassadors gain experience and insight into the workings of companies, government agencies, or NGOs seeking to meet their climate and clean energy goals, and our partner organizations gain new perspectives from younger generations on climate-related issues.

ACTIVITIES

Develop internship programs in diverse areas to support the professional development, on-the-ground knowledge, leadership and communication skills of Climate Ambassadors

Interview Ambassadors for internship opportunities and select suitable candidates for available positions

Participate in webinars to share insights about the challenges that partner organizations face moving forward on a climate agenda

Join virtual networking events with Ambassadors and other partners from California and Mexico

Provide updated information and descriptions about internship opportunities and availability

NON-ACADEMIC PARTNERS

Climate Initiative Mexico

Directs strategic funds into studies and analysis of public policy that contribute to the reduction of emissions to minimize climate change.

Conservation International

Works to highlight and maintain the critical benefits that nature provides to humanity combining fieldwork and scientific innovations, policy, and finance to be able to protect the ecosystem and habitats.

Elemental Excelerator

A new model for funding climate tech deployment, focusing their work on three main pillars, invest in startup success, partner deeply, and inspire action.

Institute of Renewable Energies

Institution dedicated to scientific research, innovation, diffusion, and training of specialists in sustainable energy technologies.

Mexican Association of Solar Energy

Promotes the production of electric energy through photovoltaic solar power generation on a national scale.

Mexican Center for Environmental Law

Non-governmental organization working to defend the environment and natural resources for almost three decades.

National Solar Energy Association (ANES)

Non-profit civil association seeking to influence State agencies that make up the country's energy policy.

Women in Renewable Energy Mexico

Unites professional and expert women in the renewable energy sector to share knowledge and achievements and incite new ideas and initiatives.

World Resources Institute MX

Works with government, business, and civil society for the improvement of the environment and human life.

ACADEMIC PARTNERS

Our academic partners are fundamental for the continuous growth of the Climate Ambassadors Initiative. We currently count with the support of the University of California, Universidad Autónoma de México, Universidad Iberoamericana, Universidad Marista de Mérida, Universidad Anahuac and El Colegio de México.

Institutionally encourage students to enroll to the Climate Ambassadors Program, helping incorporate new generations.

Host ambassadors for academic activities such as summer programs, research projects, student exchanges.

