

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.

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.



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. We have worked with organizations such as World Environment Center, Iniciativa Climática de México, WRI Mexico, Elemental Exceclerator, and more. Internships will offer students an understanding of how organizations seek to meet their climate and clean energy goals.



THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Interact with climate change experts from the educational, government, and private sectors, who will share their expertise and offer the Ambassador's guidance on how to pursue action and careers in the new climate economy and society. We have 30+ mentors from the University of California and renowned Mexican Institutions.

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

- ✓ Between 18 and 24 years old
- ✓ Undergraduate only (from junior year or 5th semester)
- ✓ Intermediate-level English and Spanish language skills
- ✓ Submit a cover letter (one page max / Arial 12, line spacing 1.15) that describes your skills, objectives, and determination to succeed as a Climate Ambassador
- ✓ Recommendation Letter
- ✓ 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.

Ambassador Program

Since Fall 2022, **50 Climate Ambassadors** have 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. Ambassadors are organized in **4 different committees**, where they exercise leadership in organizing and making decisions around the diverse activities of the initiative.

**Professional
 Development**

**Research and
 Advocacy**

**Outreach and
 Communication**

**Network and
 Collaboration**

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

2024 COHORT

- Aaron Matias Salazar, El Colegio de México
- Alexa M. Magallón, Universidad Panamericana
- Andrea Martínez Macías, Universidad Panamericana
- Beatriz González Hernández, Universidad Panamericana
- Cindy Gonzalez, UC San Diego
- Denise Barrales Ordoñez, UNAM
- Emilia N. Amezcua Bernal, El Colegio de México
- Erick M. Ramirez Arias, Instituto Tecnológico de Hermosillo
- Gustavo Candia, UC San Diego
- Hennessy Martinez, UC Los Angeles
- Iara Renata Hernández, El Colegio de México
- Isabel Martin, UC Berkeley
- Jorge E. García Bolaños, Universidad Panamericana
- Leonardo D. Casillas, UNAM
- Lia Gabriela Flores Palacios, UC Berkeley
- María Sofía Lescas Espinosa, UDLAP
- Mariana Tabares Luna, El Colegio de México
- Natalie Martinez, UC Berkeley
- Victor M. Martínez Cisneros, UNAM
- Victoria Rosas Rivas, UDLAP

2023 COHORT

- Aanvi Jhaveri, UC San Diego
- 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
- Hanna Velez, UC San Diego
- Ilyari Balderas Cruz, Universidad Iberoamericana
- Jessica Pérez Novelo, Universidad Marista
- 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 Texcahua Torres, El Colegio de México
- Teresa de León Escobedo, UNAM
- Yazmín Franco, UC San Diego



Internship Program

Our partner organizations are the backbone of the internship programs available 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.

2024 NON-ACADEMIC PARTNERS

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.

MUJERES EN ENERGÍA RENOVABLE (MERM)

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

BIOREGIONAL CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE

Brings diverse people and organizations together to collaboratively study and equitably improve how neighbourhoods, cities, and regions function.

INICIATIVA CLIMÁTICA DE MÉXICO (ICM)

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

ASOCIACIÓN MEXICANA DE ENERGÍA EÓLICA

Promote the generation and development of wind energy in Mexico, representing wind project developers before the authorities.

GOVERNORS CLIMATE AND FORESTS TASK FORCE

Empowering Governors and civil servants to lead on the forest and climate agenda in national, regional, and international forums.

WORLD RESOURCE INSTITUTE MÉXICO

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



WRI MÉXICO

CONSERVATION
INTERNATIONAL



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. Each student is paired with a mentor for **one-on-one sessions**, where they engage in **meaningful discussions** on a variety of topics, from career development and leadership to personal growth and climate action strategies.

2022-2024 MENTORS

- Adrian Fernández, Mexico Climate Initiative
- Alejandro Guevara, Universidad Iberoamericana
- Ana Hanhausen, Plastic Oceans Mexico
- Andres Flores, WRI Mexico
- Alejandro Jaramillo, UNAM
- Darrel Jenerette, UC Riverside
- Elena Tudela, UNAM
- Francisco Iván Hernández, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán
- 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
- Paul Almeida, UC Merced
- Kambiz Vafai, UC Riverside
- Leticia Gutierrez, Conservation International
- Leticia Merino, UNAM
- Leopoldo Rodríguez, Mexican Wind Energy Association (AMDEE)
- Nain Martínez, El Colegio de Mexico
- Nelson Delgado, Mexican Solar Energy Association (ASOLMEX)
- Norman Miller, UC Berkley
- 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
- Angelina Lopez, UCSD Bioregional Center
- Mike Mendez, UC Irvine

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