



UConn@COP



The **UConn@COP Fellowship Program** strives to build future leaders in climate science & policy & to promote UConn's leadership on climate change & sustainability issues through four main pillars:

- **Student Engagement**
- **Experiential Learning**
- **Interdisciplinary Group Discussion**
- **Cultural Immersion**

Each year, UConn selects 12 -15 students from a highly competitive applicant pool to attend the **UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP)** - the formal meeting of the UNFCCC Parties to assess progress in dealing with climate change. Representatives of 195 nations & tens of thousands of observers & stakeholders from around the world come together annually for two weeks of negotiations, along with meetings, conferences, presentations, exhibits & other side events focused on solutions to climate change & building resilience to the increasing effects of global warming. Upon returning to campus, fellows share their experiences with other students by presenting posters at an event called the *Climate Change Café* & through blog articles published on the Office of Environmental Policy's webpage.

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"The decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement does not mean that we as a university should abdicate our own responsibility to do what we believe is best for our state, the nation, & the world with respect to our environment." - UConn President Susan Herbst



COP23 Fellows discuss the environmental & social implications of climate change at “Breakfast Club” discussions in Bonn, Germany. Students, represented a wide range of disciplines ranged from political science to chemical engineering.



UConn Office of Environmental Policy Director, Rich Miller, introduces the networking event targeted at college students & faculty at COP23, hosted by UConn, Tufts University, & Second Nature.



Being a UConn@COP Fellow reignited my passion for environmental issues by exposing me to the incredible work being done across the entire globe on the fight against climate change. It shed hope on an often bleak topic, & encouraged me to pursue a PhD in environmental chemistry with the goal of conducting research that will improve some aspect of the natural environment.
—Caroline Anastasia, Class of 2019

The trip to COP23 was a cultural experience that opened my eyes to life in a new part of the world. We attended engaging side events such as the panel hosted by the Women’s Earth & Climate Action Network. We listened to women speakers from all around the world express how climate issues can run so much deeper than a political bargaining chip. — Mary Donato, Class of 2018



In order to attract the best & brightest environmental leaders, the cost of the trip, including airfare, lodging, & conference fees is fully subsidized by the University & donors. The cost of the trip averages approximately \$2,000 per person, or \$25,000—\$30,000 for the entire UConn contingent. To continue providing this benefit to students in the program, we need continued financial support from potential donors... like you!

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