



UConn@COP



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

1. **Student Engagement**
2. **Experiential Learning**
3. **Interdisciplinary Group Discussion**
4. **Cultural Immersion**

Each year, UConn selects students from a highly competitive applicant pool to attend the **UN Climate Change Conference (COP)** to assess progress in dealing with climate change. Representatives of 195 nations and tens of

thousands of observers and stakeholders from around the world come together annually for two weeks of negotiations, along with meetings, conferences, presentations, exhibits, and other side events focused on solutions to climate change and building resilience to the increasing effects of global warming. Upon returning to campus, fellows share their experiences with other students. Here is what students have said about the program.

"... one of the most powerful experiences I've had."
— Sahil Laul, *Molecular and Cellular Biology and Global Health* (2019)

"... the highlight of my college experience thus far."
— Delaney Meyer, *Civil Engineering* (2020)

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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



The trip was a tremendous opportunity. I learned a lot as a researcher, citizen, and human being. — Frank Griggs, *Ph.D. Candidate Political Science, Class of 2019*

This trip gave me the chance to view climate change, and the global community, from a whole new perspective. — Charlotte Rhodes, *Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Class of 2020*



I learned that climate change, although seemingly an abstract phenomenon, is real and affects the current and future lives of everyone on this earth. — Leann McLaren, *Political Science, Class of 2019*

Not only was I enlightened, but I was also injected with renewed hope and purpose that other students shared my desire for action. — Jon Ursillo, *Environmental Science and Economics, Class of 2020*



In order to attract the best and brightest environmental leaders, the cost of the trip, including airfare, lodging, and conference fees is almost entirely funded for students. The cost of the trip averages approximately \$2,000 per person, or \$30,000 for the entire UConn contingent each year. To continue providing this benefit to students, and to grow the program, we need ongoing financial support from potential donors... like you!

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