



CSU CLIMATE INITIATIVE

The Climate Initiative is Colorado State University's strategic investment to become a leading institution for climate education, research, and engagement in the United States and globally.

ACCOMPLISHED IN FY2024

EDUCATION: *Building credentials and courses to train students to be leaders in addressing climate change*

- ✦ Established an undergraduate **certificate in Climate Change and Society**, to be launched in Fall 2024
- ✦ Inventoried **150+ climate-related courses** across campus, worked to integrate climate change into core curriculum and other undergraduate courses, and built new courses on climate and earth systems
- ✦ **Funded six teams of faculty** to update or develop climate-related courses through Curriculum Innovation Grants in partnership with the School of Global Environmental Sustainability

RESEARCH: *Elevating the visibility of CSU researchers and developing new connections and opportunities for faculty*

- ✦ Developed a roster of **200+ climate change experts** on campus, covering climate science, natural resources, engineering, agriculture, public health, humanities, and more
- ✦ Hosted **monthly informal networking sessions** for researchers to present their work and connect with CSU community members

PLANS FOR FY2025

- ▶ Develop a Climate Change & Society minor that will include multiple pathways related to climate change, i.e., policy and advocacy, environmental justice, and earth systems science
- ▶ Explore pathways to a major in Climate Change Studies
- ▶ Host Climate Across the Curriculum, a training for faculty to embed climate change content into their courses
- ▶ Host a CSU Climate Showcase to highlight the wide array of climate change research at CSU and connect with state, regional, and national partners



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OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT: *Developing a strong community inside CSU and across communities in Colorado*

- ✦ Established budget, mission, and leadership for **Spur Climate Hub** to provide climate services and analysis to Colorado communities
- ✦ Co-hosted the **Climate Transitions Dialogue** with the School of Global Environmental Sustainability in September 2023
- ✦ **Grew partnerships** with local governments, industry, community organizations, and other actors central to accelerating climate action in Colorado

INSTITUTION BUILDING: *Enhancing internal work streams under CCI and securing external partnerships*

- ✦ Developed Advisory Council with representation from **20 on-campus organizations**, offices, institutions, and centers
- ✦ Established **cross-college education and research teams** to provide direction and support in advancing CCI's work
- ✦ Created a **Climate Action Fund** in the Provost's Office and fundraised to support Climate Across the Curriculum

PLANS FOR FY2025

- ▶ Conduct interviews with professionals in climate-related industries to identify needs and skills desired in climate-focused students to inform our credential building
- ▶ Expand connections among CSU researchers, extension agents, and communities
- ▶ Increase fundraising to support our education goals and research community building efforts
- ▶ Establish external advisory board for CCI to continue growing partnerships outside of CSU

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