

Watch Video

AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Celebrating Action from Local to National

HOW-TO GUIDE

University of California's Center for Climate Health and Equity Drives Projects on Climate Action

[The University of California Center for Climate, Health, and Equity](#)

Founded in 2021, the University builds its activities around four pillars of research, education, health systems sustainability and preparedness, and policy.

Last year, the University of California's Center for Climate Health and Equity created vulnerability profiles using machine learning to identify at-risk populations in California and developed an interactive map of climate and health variables to be used by communities, policymakers, and researchers. They evaluated clinical climate emergency responses at health facilities and collaborated with the San Francisco Department of Public Health to build a city-wide clinical climate emergency response plan, elevating clinical decarbonization as a healthcare priority, including training a cohort of health professionals through a Clinical Decarbonization Fellowship — the first of its kind in the nation.

In partnership with the American Medical Association, CCHHE developed the Climate Change and Health Equity Continuing Education Series, which provides healthcare providers with free education on topics related to climate change and health. They launched a climate and mental health resilience course, taught to students across all 10 UC campuses, and identified opportunities to address climate change in curricula for pharmacy, nursing, public health, and medicine through a Climate and Health Education Ambassadorship program. They also developed and led the University of California-wide Climate and Health Education Faculty Development initiative, which has trained over 100 faculty members to integrate climate and health into their ongoing teaching, reaching more than 7000 health professionals and science students.

Replicate This!

How To Get Started

1. Ensure broad participation by engaging with multiple stakeholders, including health professionals, students, and international scholars, through various educational and collaborative efforts
2. Invest in educational reach and impact and reach new audiences via internship programs, workshops and symposiums
3. Engage in research, grants, and publications including papers, blogs and large grant awards
4. Get the word out via webinars and roundtable discussions