

UConn@COP27 Fellows Program: Graduate Student Application for 2022 –Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Trip Description

The 27th session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference, formally known as the Conference of the Parties (COP) will be hosted this year in Sharm El-Sheikh. The conference will bring together diplomats, business executives, heads of government, university leaders, environmental activists, NGOs and other delegates to discuss action and progress in dealing with climate change. The primary objective of COP27 is to ensure progress is being made toward Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) set by parties to the Paris Agreement, adopted at COP21.

UConn will provide majority funding for a select group of undergraduate and graduate students to travel to COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from November 12th -19th. This funding covers travel and lodging, group breakfast, mass transit, and all fees for related side events, a higher education networking event, plus any cultural, historical and/or natural resource-based group excursion(s).

Students selected for the trip are responsible for contributing a \$250 fee prior to departure in order to help cover a small portion of the costs associated with the program.

***To request a waiver of this fee based on financial hardship, please fill out the correlating question below in the application.

If selected, UConn@COP27 graduate fellows will also be required to develop and lead a group discussion with the undergraduate students attending the conference. This discussion will take place on a morning before students travel to the conference for the day.

This application must be completed and submitted by 11:59pm EST on Saturday, May 7th in order to be considered by the Selection Committee for the trip. Only complete applications will be considered. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision via e-mail on Monday, August 1st. Decisions will not be released prior to then.

For more information about past UConn@COP fellowships, click [here](#).
Click to the next page to open the application.

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Clerical

* 1. Name

* 2. Phone Number

* 3. UConn Email

* 4. Do you have a passport that is valid through May 2023? (To apply you **must** have a passport valid through May 2023 or provide proof that you have applied for/renewed your passport by no later than the April 16th.)

Yes

No

* 5. What is your cumulative GPA? (3.2 minimum requirement) Note: *If your current GPA is less than 3.2 and you anticipate it exceeding the minimum after the spring semester, you may still apply, but it is YOUR responsibility to alert us immediately upon receiving your final grades.)*

* 6. What is your expected date of graduation?

* 7. How many credits have you earned?

* 8. What graduate program and college are you in?

* 9. What stage are you in your graduate degree?

* 10. What is the topic of your research and thesis (if applicable)?

* 11. From where did you receive your undergraduate degree?

* 12. What was your undergraduate degree in?

13. Please list any relevant (up to three) student leadership activities (e.g. service hours, officer position in clubs, etc.). Particular emphasis should be given to leadership activities related to climate change (both direct and indirect impacts) and the environment.

Student Leadership Activity

Position Held

Years/Semesters Active

Student Leadership Activity
Description (100-word
limit)

14. Student leadership activity #2

Student Leadership Activity

Position Held

Years/Semesters Active

Student Leadership Activity
Description (100-word
limit)

15. Student leadership activity #3

Student Leadership Activity

Position Held

Years/Semesters Active

Student Leadership Activity
Description (100-word
limit)

* 16. How did you hear about the UConn@COP program?

* 17. In what way(s) do you see yourself contributing to UConn@COP's efforts to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the program and more generally addressing Environmental Justice.

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Consent to Share Personal Information

In order to maximize the possibility of obtaining full-access passes for all UConn@COP fellows, we may need to share the below information with certain other organizations (typically, select US colleges and universities). The UNFCCC allocates a limited number of passes to each registered organization attending the COP, so sharing this information with those who are not using all of their weekly or daily passes may allow you to participate as a UConn delegate using one of their passes. By signing this form, you knowingly consent to the UConn@COP program sharing the following information with trusted organizations for this purpose.

* 18. Preferred Salutation (Ms. / Mr. / etc.)

* 19. Full Legal Name

* 20. Passport Number

* 21. Passport Country of Issue

* 22. Date of Birth

* 23. UConn Email Address

* 24. Personal Email Address

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Requirements

Please be aware that there are three attachments that must be submitted with this application. You will email them to sustainability@uconn.edu before submitting this form, and check the boxes below to indicate that you have done so. The three attachments are:

1. A one-page PDF of your current resume
2. A photo of your passport
3. One 700-word essay responding to the following prompts:
 - Describe what relevant academic, leadership, and personal experiences make you an ideal candidate for the UConn@COP27 Fellowship Program.
 - If selected, how do you hope to share your experiences from UConn@COP27 with the UConn community? Additionally, what topic do you plan to discuss with undergraduates at the conference? Provide a brief description of how you plan to mediate the discussion.
 - How will the components of the conference benefit your current research, thesis, and/or future career?

* 25. Check the boxes below to indicate that you have sent the required material to sustainability@uconn.edu.

- One-page PDF of your current resume
- Photo of your passport
- Word document/PDF 700-word essay response to above 3 questions

26. List the contact information for three academic or employer references (at least two must be academic references).

Reference 1 Name

Company/Department

Phone Number

Email

Reference 2 Name

Company/Department

Phone Number

Email

Reference 3 Name

Company/Department

Phone Number

Email

27. By signing this form, you are agreeing to write at least two short blogs during and/or immediately after the trip, to share social media posts pertaining to your COP26 experiences, and to lead discussion for one of the daily breakfast meetings at the COP. You are also agreeing to present a poster at UConn's annual Climate Change Café during the 2022 spring semester.