

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 fellows will also be required to participate in the annual post-COP Climate Change Café and enroll in a 1-credit independent study course with one of the faculty leaders of the program, during the fall 2022 semester. *See the essay portion of this application for details.*

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.

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 is your major, or majors if more than one?

9. What is your minor, or minors? (if applicable)

10. 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)

11. Student leadership activity #2

Student Leadership Activity

Position Held

Years/Semesters Active

Student Leadership Activity
Description (100-word
limit)

12. Student leadership activity #3

Student Leadership Activity

Position Held

Years/Semesters Active

Student Leadership Activity
Description (100-word
limit)

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

* 14. 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.

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.

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

* 16. Full Legal Name

* 17. Passport Number

* 18. Passport Country of Issue

* 19. Date of Birth

* 20. UConn Email Address

* 21. Personal Email Address

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 will you share your experiences from UConn@COP27 with the UConn community? Note: You will be receiving 1 credit for this work, so your plan for outreach should be both aspirational and achievable?
 - How will the components of the conference benefit your future career?

* 22. 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

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

Reference 1 Name	<input type="text"/>
Company/Department	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Reference 2 Name	<input type="text"/>
Company/Department	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Reference 3 Name	<input type="text"/>
Company/Department	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

24. By signing this form, you are also agreeing to write at least two short blogs during and/or immediately after the trip, and to share social media posts pertaining to your COP27 experiences. You also agree to present a poster at UConn's annual Climate Change Café in the spring 2023 semester and to enroll in a 1-credit independent study course during the 2022 fall semester. Through this course, you will follow up on the plans described in your essay (or a similar outreach plan) for sharing your COP27 experiences with the UConn community.