

## 2021 Global Alliance of Universities on Climate Graduate Forum

### Call for Papers

Dear students and faculties of GAUC,

The **Global Alliance of Universities on Climate (GAUC)** is delighted to announce the **3<sup>rd</sup> GAUC Graduate Forum** scheduled for the second half of October 2021, and we call for all members to actively participate and contribute to this flagship event of the alliance.

The **GAUC Graduate Forum** was first founded in 2019. Since then, it has received international recognition within and beyond the academic community, **attracting nearly 400 young scholars from more than 50 universities across six continents** to engage in the ideation of climate change. Since inauguration, it has received domestic and international recognition in academic, civil society, and the private sector.

Given the strategic role of 2021 in advancing global climate action towards the sustainable development goals, and the unique opportunity presented to the GAUC to synergize between CBD COP15 for Biodiversity and COP26 for Climate Change, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduate Forum is looking to build momentum for greater **ambitions, actions, and impacts** through major global events to become a **Global Youth Summit**. With efforts from Imperial College London, University of Cambridge and Tsinghua University, and pooling the strength of the GAUC, broader partners and commitments will be involved in the Summit to build it into a grand event for the exchange of young climate leaders.

This year, the official theme of the Summit (Forum) is “**Climate X \_\_\_\_\_**”, which highlights the synergy between climate and other SDGs, and the climate’s impacts on and transforming power for other areas, especially on *Nature/ Biodiversity*, *Food& Health*, *Energy*, *Transportation* and *Public Policy*. We will also provide a wide variety of activities. More information and how to participate will be officially announced through GAUC’s website [www.gauc.net](http://www.gauc.net) early August.

**Climate X**

*Nature/Biodiversity*  
*Food&Health*  
*Energy*  
*Transportation*  
*Public Policy*  
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None of the above are your area? **Climate X** remains open to participants to come up with your own perspective synergizing with climate!

### **Contributions wanted**

The Forum/Summit is now publicly calling for abstracts and paper submissions. Papers selected by anonymous experts will be issued certificates and *recommended for priority review to Frontiers of Environmental Science & Engineering, SCI, Journal of Tsinghua, EI and Advances in Climate Change Research, CSCD*, in accordance with the paper's topic and the journal's requirements. Winners will also be invited to the award ceremony during COP26 together with presidents of GAUC member universities and global high level climate leaders.

### **Who can submit**

Graduate students

Not from GAUC member universities? Don't worry! The Summit is opened to graduate students from all credited universities and academic institutions.

### **Requirements of submission**

The research must highlight the synergy between climate and Nature/ Biodiversity, Food& Health, Energy, Transportation and Public Policy, **Or** addressing climate's impacts on and transforming power to other area (that's **Climate X\_?\_** stands for).

*As the UNFCCC Secretary General, Patricia Espinosa, said in her address during the GAUC Academic Conference: "for the climate, for those who share it, for those who inherit it". We believe that when it comes to climate, a global shared crisis across generations, youth voice is imperative for the decision making of policy makers. Thus, we would ask you to share your policy suggestions in your submission, and to encourage you to think from the policy perspective, bonus points will be given for those submissions with policy suggestions. These policy suggestions could be for international organizations, national and sub-national policy makers, and it does not need to be for your own country.*

We require submissions of abstracts (1000-2000 words) by September 5 2021, which will be evaluated double-blindly by at least two independent reviewers. If the abstract is accepted, the author must make a verbal presentation at the Summit's forums and provide full paper not later than October 8 2021. All submissions must be made in English.

DETAILS	DATE
Abstract Submission Deadline	September 5
Notification of Abstracts Review Results	September 24
Full paper Submission Deadline	October 8

### **How to Submit**

At this stage, all submissions and enquiries must address to [gaucevent@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:gaucevent@tsinghua.edu.cn)

**Email title:** Your Name Name of Institution (Abstract/Paper/Enquiry)

**Email content:** Please include Your Name, Name of Institution, Paper Title

**Attachment:** 1000-2000 words abstract in .doc/.docx format; full paper in .doc/.docx or pdf format

We will send a respond email to confirm receiving.

Don't wait, act now!

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