



UConn@COP



The **UConn@COP Program** strives to build future leaders in climate science and policy and to promote UConn's leadership on solutions to these existential challenges through four main pillars:

1. **Student Engagement**
2. **Experiential Learning**
3. **Interdisciplinary Group Discussion**
4. **Cultural Immersion**

Each year since 2015, UConn selects high-achieving students to participate in the annual **UN Climate Summit and Conference of the Parties (COP)**. During our week at the COP, we observe delegates from 195 nations in formal proceedings and negotiations, and we join tens of

thousands of stakeholders from around the world at related workshops, presentations, exhibits and side events focused on preventing, and building resilience to, the increasing effects of global warming. The UConn contingent also engages in lively group discussions, takes impactful cultural/historical excursions, hosts a networking event and shares their experiences through blogs and social media. Here is what recent fellows have said:

"... one of the most powerful experiences I've had."
— Sahil Laul, B.S., *Molecular and Cellular Biology and Global Health (2019)*

"... the highlight of my college experience thus far."
— Delaney Meyer, B.S., *Civil Engineering (2020)*

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"The decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement does not mean that we as a university should abdicate our own responsibility to do what we believe is best for our state, the nation, & the world with respect to our environment." - UConn President Susan Herbst



The trip was a tremendous opportunity. I learned a lot as a researcher, citizen, and human being. — Frank Griggs, *Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science (2019)*

This experience gave me a whole new perspective on climate change and the global community. — Charlotte Rhodes, *B.S., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (2020)*



I learned that climate change, although seemingly an abstract phenomenon, is real and affects the current and future lives of everyone on this earth. — Leann McLaren, *B.A., Political Science (2019)*



I learned more during the week at COP24 than I have in all of my classes this past semester, and gained renewed hope that others shared my desire for action. — Jon Ursillo, *B.S., Environmental Science and Economics (2020)*



UConn@COP fellows, primarily undergraduates from a variety of academic disciplines, are selected each year through a competitive application process. Some of UConn's best students, with demonstrated leadership potential and a passion for the environment, have participated in this empowering, hands-on learning experience. Trip costs, averaging \$2,000 per student, or \$30,000 for the UConn delegation, are funded by generous donors - like you. Thank you for your support!

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