

# Climate Solutions Now

Climate change is the biggest problem humanity has ever faced, and it will be the defining challenge for the next generation. Cal Poly's Institute for Climate Leadership and Resilience is facilitating collaboration among donors, industry partners, different campus departments, and the global community to create a future workforce that can produce climate solutions.



That's why, last October, the Sierra Club Santa Lucia Chapter helped launch the next generation of climate leaders -- planners, engineers, architects, builders, scientists, writers, educators, entrepreneurs, economists, agricultural specialists, businesspeople, government workers, administrators, and motivated community members -- by co-sponsoring the two-day ICLR conference, Climate Solutions Now.

The two-day event was a solutions-focused conference exploring current efforts at solving the world's biggest problem, and avenues for getting engaged. Areas of focus included discovering current and forthcoming opportunities for students and faculty in the climate change and sustainability domains; strategizing faster, more efficient carbon emissions-reduction efforts and more equitable, efficient and effective responses to climate change; and energizing communication between the different groups and individuals working on climate challenges.

Conference activities included more than 90 talks and discussions in 12 parallel tracks, such as Agriculture & Food Systems, Alternative Energy, The Built Environment, Careers in Sustainability, Climate Action Planning, Environmental Justice and Public Policy, Natural Resources, Regional and Local Climate Action, The Sciences, Transportation, and Volunteer Organizations.