

Direct Benefits to Your Institution *Made Possible by ACUPCC Membership Dues*

As a signatory of the ACUPCC, your institution is at the center of a high-visibility national network of leading colleges and universities pursuing sustainable solutions.

ACUPCC Membership Dues enable Second Nature to administer the basic functions of the ACUPCC network and provide a wide range of benefits, including discounts, resources, expertise, training, education, networking opportunities and ongoing program support. These functions help signatory institutions reduce greenhouse gas emissions, realize financial savings and successfully implement climate action and sustainability initiatives. ACUPCC Membership Dues also leverage foundation and corporate support that further assists signatory institutions in their climate action work and helps keep the dues at a minimum.

Direct benefits offered to ACUPCC signatory institutions include:

STAFF SUPPORT

- Staff support by telephone and email to provide guidance on the implementation of the ACUPCC Management of reporting deadlines, reminders, and technical support to help you regularly report on your progress
- Development of climate action planning resources to assist your implementation
- Outreach to Presidents and other senior leaders at your institution with resources and opportunities to help them advance and institutionalize sustainability on campus

PEER SUPPORT

- One-on-one issue-based support from peers at other ACUPCC signatory institutions
- Second Nature Presidential Fellows program engages recently retired presidents to support senior administrators at ACUPCC institutions in fulfilling the commitment
- The ACUPCC Implementation Liaison Support Committee is available to share their experience and provide support and advice
- Guidance, resources, and support from ACUPCC Committees on specific topics (such as financing, climate adaptation and academics) made up of presidents, vice presidents, business officers, faculty, and other experts

ONLINE REPORTING

- Access to ACUPCC online reporting system tool to publicly highlight and share your progress
- Available access to the largest, exclusive and the most up-to-date database of GHG inventories (1300+) and Climate Action Plans (400+) from the US higher education sector
- Availability of data reports created by Second Nature to demonstrate cumulative impact of the initiative as well as for comparative study
- Analysis of ACUPCC reporting system data to demonstrate progress of and best practices from the vast network of leading institutions of the climate action movement

NETWORKING

- Subsidized participation in annual ACUPCC Climate Leadership Summit
- Subsidized participation in ACUPCC Regional Collaborative Symposiums
- Information and updates on the networking sessions developed for the ACUPCC audience at other conferences and events for peer-to-peer knowledge exchange

TRAINING

- Free participation in ACUPCC webinars throughout the year
- Workshops and training sessions developed for the ACUPCC audience at other conferences and events to support implementation efforts

FREE ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

- *The ACUPCC Implementer Monthly E-Newsletter*
- ACUPCC Annual Reports
- Briefing papers on key topics
- ACUPCC Implementation Guide
- Climate Action Planning Wiki
- *Leading Profound Change: A Resource for Presidents & Chancellors*
- *Education for Climate Neutrality & Sustainability: Guidance for ACUPCC Institutions*
- *Voluntary Carbon Offset Protocol & accompanying guidance document*
- GHG Inventory Brief
- *The ACUPCC Implementer Compendium*

DISCOUNTED ACCESS TO EXTERNAL RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- Bioneers: Conference, Resources (20-30% Discount for All Signatories)
- USGBC: Green Building Basics and LEED Online Course (Free Access for All Signatories)
- USGBC: Paid From Savings Guide for Existing Building (Limited Free Copies for Title III/V Signatories)
- BuildingGreen Inc.: BuildingGreen Suite with Campus-wide Access (50% Discount for Title III/V Signatories)

GOVERNANCE

- Leadership from the ACUPCC Steering Committee

OPERATIONAL COST SAVINGS AND FINANCING SOLUTIONS

- Energy Performance Contracting Best-Practices Toolkit, a comprehensive guide by the ACUPCC and the Clinton Climate Initiative
- Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program
- Guidance from the ACUPCC Financing Sustainability Committee

VISIBILITY AND BRANDING

- Use of the ACUPCC and Second Nature logo
- Ability to demonstrate your leadership as an ACUPCC institution to engage and attract students, faculty, funding and other support
- Highlighted on the ACUPCC website and Online Reporting System and in resources and publications

ACCESSIBILITY TO FUNDING

- Open up new funding opportunities based on your institution's credible, public sustainability commitment through the ACUPCC

Second Nature is a non-profit organization with a mission to create a healthy, just and sustainable society by transforming higher education. We work to develop the national capacity of colleges and universities to make the principles of sustainability the foundation of all learning, practice, and collaboration with local communities.