

RUTGERS CLIMATE AND ENERGY INSTITUTE (RCEI) ANNUAL CLIMATE SYMPOSIUM

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

To solve the challenges surrounding climate change and clean energy in our society, we must integrate unique perspectives and ideas across the natural sciences, social sciences, technology, policy, and the humanities. The Annual Rutgers-New Brunswick Climate Symposium aims to bridge this gap by bringing together interdisciplinary experts, early-career professionals, and students from across the region to learn from one another, collaborate, and develop innovative solutions.

Last year, more than 200 attendees from across the coastal Mid-Atlantic states gathered to hear from plenary speakers, explore research findings presented by over 50 early-career scholars, and discuss key ideas, research, and solutions. Participants reported engaging with ideas beyond their own disciplines, sharing or receiving news of novel findings, and feeling more motivated to broaden participation and engagement in climate science for the public good.

This year's symposium will take place on **November 18, 2026**. The theme, *The Blue Planet*, seeks to channel the value of interdisciplinary scholarship toward ocean systems, which anchor Earth's climate system, offer renewable energy opportunities, and shape social and economic vulnerability and resilience. Rutgers University's reputation as a global and national leader in oceanography, ocean engineering, law, and governance—as well as its proximity to coastal regions and communities—makes it the ideal place to host and cultivate these conversations.

LEVELS

Lead Symposium Sponsor: \$30,000

As the lead symposium sponsor, your organization will support the entire event, including daytime logistics, lunch for attendees, a collaborative dinner for continued discussion, accessibility services, and travel stipends for students from other regions and institutions to attend and present their research. Benefits include:

- Your name or your organization's name and logo displayed on digital flyers and invites, social media posts, programs, and at the daytime event as the top event sponsor (may vary depending on date of sponsorship).
- Attendance at the daytime and evening events for up to four people, including opportunities to meet students your support helped bring to the symposium.
- Recognition as the lead sponsor by leadership during their remarks at the daytime and evening events.

- A private lunch with RCEI Director Julie Lockwood after the event to discuss its impact.

Daytime Sponsor: \$15,000

As a daytime sponsor, your organization will support daytime logistics, lunch, accessibility services, and travel stipends for 3 students from other regions and institutions. Benefits include:

- Your name or your organization's name and logo displayed on digital flyers and invites, social media posts, programs, and at the daytime event (may vary depending on date of sponsorship).
- Recognition as the daytime sponsor by leadership during their remarks at the daytime and evening events.
- Attendance at the daytime event for up to four people.

Travel Sponsor: \$5,000

As a travel sponsor, your organization will support travel stipends for 10 students from other regions and institutions to attend and present their research. Benefits include:

- Your name or your organization's name and logo displayed on digital flyers and invites, social media posts, programs, and at the daytime event (may vary depending on date of sponsorship).
- Recognition as a travel sponsor by leadership during their remarks at the daytime and evening events.
- Attendance at the daytime event for up to two people, including opportunities to meet students your support helped bring to the symposium.

Contributing Sponsor: \$2,500

As a contributing sponsor, your organization will support daytime logistics, lunch, or accessibility services. Benefits include:

- The opportunity to place an information table at the event to share your mission and products, as they relate to climate change, renewable energy, or energy conservation.
- Your name or your organization's name and logo displayed on digital flyers and invites, social media posts, programs, and at the daytime event (may vary depending on date of sponsorship).
- Recognition as a sponsor by leadership during their remarks at the daytime and evening events.
- Attendance at the daytime event for up to two people.

Student Sponsor: \$500

As a student sponsor, your organization will support a travel stipend for 1 student from another region or institution to attend and present their research. Benefits include:

- Your name or your organization's name and logo displayed on digital flyers and invites, social media posts, programs, and at the daytime event (may vary depending on date of sponsorship).
- Attendance at the daytime event for up to two people.

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