



RUTGERS CLIMATE AND ENERGY INSTITUTE (RCEI) ANNUAL CLIMATE SYMPOSIUM

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Developing comprehensive solutions to climate change and clean energy challenges requires new and diverse perspectives and collaboration across many fields, including the natural sciences, social sciences, technology, public policy, and the humanities. The annual Rutgers–New Brunswick Climate Symposium serves as a forum for interdisciplinary exchange by bringing experts, early-career professionals, and students from across the Mid-Atlantic region together to share ideas, learn from one another, and develop innovative solutions to today’s environmental challenges, both globally and in our own backyards.

Last year, more than 250 attendees gathered to hear from plenary speakers, explore findings presented by over 50 early-career scholars and researchers, 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 **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**. The theme, **Sowing Change: Rethinking Farming in a Climate and Energy Transition**, will explore how agriculture can adapt to climate change while supporting a shift toward cleaner energy sources. The program will feature experts in climate science, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and farmer resilience, with topics ranging from agrivoltaics and food security to climate adaptation and mental health in agricultural communities. Rutgers is the ideal place to host this conversation because of its leadership in climate and energy research, its role as New Jersey’s land-grant university, and its ongoing work to connect scientific research with practical solutions for farmers and communities.

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.

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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.

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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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