

ACU HE and the SDGs Network update | Current opportunities and events

COP26 is taking place on 1-12 November 2021 and there are already opportunities for our members to get involved. I share all current opportunities below, as well as other SDGs-related opportunities and events, including a research consultancy in partnership with the British Council and how you can take part in our International Women's Day campaign.

Throughout the year, I will be in contact with more SDGs-related activities and opportunities, including our first ever 'Higher Education and the SDGs Challenge Grants' launching in April, so please keep an eye out for updates in your inbox.

Best wishes,

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Current opportunities

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Research consultancy opportunity on international collaboration for the SDGs

In partnership with the ACU, the British Council is looking for a research team or consortium to investigate the extent to which inter-institutional international collaboration contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals. This research will add to the growing portfolio of evidence around the value of higher education in a development context.

Deadline for applications: 8 March at 11:59 (UTC)

Find out more <<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civCRM/ mailing/ url? u=1770& qid=69985>>

COP26 Climate Research Cohort - Call for mentors

The ACU has partnered with the British Council to launch the Commonwealth Climate Research Cohort – convening a diverse group of rising-star researchers to bring multidisciplinary knowledge to a global stage, build international collaborations, and work with experts to engage with issues related to climate and environment in the lead-up to COP26.

Applications are open for senior climate-focused academics to mentor members of the Commonwealth Climate Research Cohort, with a particular focus on research leadership and engaging with non-academic audiences.

Deadline for applications: 15 March at 17:00 (UTC)

Find out more <<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civCRM/ mailing/ url? u=1771& qid=69985>>

COP26 Climate Research Cohort - Expressions of Interest open for virtual workshop delivery

The ACU is seeking proposals from member universities to deliver virtual training workshops for the COP26 Climate Research Cohort, which will focus on research leadership, knowledge exchange and research-to-action. One team could deliver one, two, or all three workshops.

Deadlines for applications:

Workshop 1: Research Leadership - 19 March at 9:00 (UTC)

Workshop 2: Knowledge Exchange - 2 April at 9:00 (UTC)

Workshop 3: Research-to-action - 16 April at 9:00 (UTC)

Find out more<<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civicrm/mailling/url?u=1772&qid=69985>>
Call for Climate Action Case Studies

To help highlight the important work happening across the Commonwealth in the run-up to COP26, the ACU are asking our members to share examples of how their university is contributing to efforts to adapt to and tackle climate change. We are looking for recent examples of how you have influenced national, regional and global debates through research, education or partnership activity and also where international collaboration between universities has strengthened impact.

Deadline for submissions: 31 March

Submit your case studies<<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civicrm/mailling/url?u=1773&qid=69985>>
Climate Exp0 – Call for submissions extended

The ACU is supporting the COP26 Universities Network's Climate Exp0 – its first virtual conference, taking place on 17-21 May 2021. At a critical juncture in the COP26 pre-meetings and negotiations, this free event will showcase the latest thinking and most relevant UK and international research around five key themes: Adaptation and Resilience, Finance, Green Recovery, Mitigation Solutions, and Nature-based Solutions. The deadline for the call for submissions for individual and poster presentations has been extended.

Deadline for submissions: 10 March

Find out more<<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civicrm/mailling/url?u=1779&qid=69985>>
Join our campaign to celebrate International Women's Day 2021

To celebrate International Women's Day on Monday 8 March, the ACU is launching a social media campaign to showcase all the many ways our members universities are advancing gender equity and equality in campus and beyond. We would love to hear from you about your work.

Download the social media campaign toolkit<<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civicrm/mailling/url?u=1774&qid=69985>>
2021 International Green Gown Awards - Applications open now

The International Green Gown Awards, supported by UN Environment, recognise exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities around the globe. The Awards cover all aspects of educational institutions – from their teaching and research, leadership, buildings and food to how students can benefit the quality of life in the communities around them. They provide the sector with benchmarks for excellence and are supported by the ACU, AUF and IAU.

Deadline for applications: 31 March

Find out more
<<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civicrm/mailling/url?u=1780&qid=69985>>

Upcoming events

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THE Southern Africa Impact Forum

Reimagining universities for transdisciplinary knowledge co-creation

9-10 March 2021 at 8:00-9:00 UTC

Our Chief Executive and Secretary General, Dr Joanna Newman, will join a panel discussion on 'SDG impact as a new map for Higher Education' on 9 March.

Register now <<https://crm.acu.ac.uk/civCRM/mailling/url?u=1775&qid=69985>>

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Building Back Stronger: A Pivotal Year for Higher Education And Sustainable Development

Save the date: 23 March 2021 at 15:30 UTC

This is a joint ACU, AUF and IAU event as part of our partnership working on advocating for higher education and its role for sustainable development at the highest levels.

Find out more

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