Apply to be a 2020-2021 Climate Change and Health Student Associate!

Applications are due by 11:59 PM on Friday, August 14, 2020.

The Yale Center on Climate Change and Health

The Yale Center on Climate Change and Health (YCCCH) draws on the expertise of Yale faculty across multiple disciplines and schools to address one of the greatest public health and policy challenges of the 21st century: climate change. YCCCH offers courses on climate change and health at the Yale School of Public Health, hosts renowned speakers, and provides funding opportunities for student internships, conference attendance, and faculty research. 34 faculty representing diverse disciplines contribute to the research and goals of YCCCH.

YCCCH Student Associates Program

Student Associates serve one-year terms as ambassadors for YCCCH while engaging with a diverse community of like-minded faculty and students. Associates gain broad exposure to issues of climate change and health through small, seminar-style discussions with field experts whom they help to select. Associates will also participate in additional programming such as workshops and skill-based training, film screenings, and student-led presentations/discussions. Student Associates are eligible to apply for YCCCH-supported conference travel grants and summer internships.

Program Objectives

The Student Associates Program aims to:

- Provide students an academic space to engage with issues at the intersection of climate change and health, beyond what is normally accessible through coursework;
- Enrich students’ climate change and health education through speakers, workshops, discussions about media and art, and other such activities; and
- Facilitate connections, collaborations, and networking between students from a variety of schools and backgrounds.

Program Expectations

Student Associates are expected to participate in all Program seminars, lectures, and other events. Student Associates also are often invited to participate in additional opportunities, including those organized by their colleagues in the Program. The Student Associates Program is selective; accepting an invitation to join entails a commitment to participate in all activities, except if they conflict with courses/academic commitments.
Because of the restrictions on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020-21 academic year, the Student Associates Program will host programming largely online, through Zoom or other remote-access programs. If selected as an Associate, you are expected to attend one event per month, either a monthly lecture given by a guest speaker or another YCCCH-sponsored activity (e.g., film screenings, trainings, or student-led discussions). Failure to attend or unexcused absences may result in removal from the program.

Eligibility and Criteria
To effectively and equitably address issues of climate change and health, YCCCH believes that a diverse range of academic, professional, and personal backgrounds and perspectives are needed. All current Yale students, including undergraduate, graduate and professional school students who have not previously participated in the Student Associates Program are eligible to apply.

Applicants should be committed to actively engaging in issues related to climate change and health, have personal, professional and/or academic experience in relevant disciplines, be eager to work and learn in a cross-disciplinary environment, and be self-motivated future leaders who take the program responsibilities seriously. However, a desire to learn and motivation to address climate and health issues is prioritized over prior knowledge in this field.

Applying
The Student Associates Application requires:

- A cover page with your name, contact information (email and phone number), school and program, and expected graduation year
- A resume or CV
- Your transcript (unofficial is okay)
- An essay, no longer than 750 words, addressing the following areas:
  - Why do you want to be a Student Associate? What about the program appeals to you? What can you contribute to the group?
  - How does your professional, academic, or personal background/identity inform your interest and understanding of climate change and health issues?
  - What climate and health topics do you find fascinating?
  - What topics or subject areas would you like to see covered in programming?
  - What goals/objectives would you like to accomplish or gain from your time with the Student Associates Program?

Please submit your completed application, either as a PDF or a Microsoft Word document, by 11:59 PM on Friday, August 14, 2020 to Mauro Diaz-Hernandez, YCCCH Program Administrator: mauro.diaz-hernandez@yale.edu

Accepted Student Associates will be notified by the week of August 24, 2020.