

## University Commitment for Net Zero on Campus

Universities have a vital role to play in addressing the critical global challenges and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Universities are in a unique position to solve the climate crisis because they function as bridge builders between science and technology and real-world application. Universities have a responsibility through their educational programs to teach the next generation of leaders, innovators and thinkers to understand the global climate challenges facing the world and the role they can play in rising to meet these challenges. Through their research and training programs, universities are responsible for ensuring that every graduate understands sustainability. They are essentially upskilling the entire global workforce for a low-carbon reality. In addition, universities hold a high degree of public trust. When such a prestigious institution commits to a science-based net-zero target, it sets a standard for transparency and rigor that encourages local governments and corporations to follow suit. Universities are unique communities with the intellectual and physical infrastructure to innovate, test and accelerate the green transition.

### Hence, we, the undersigned university:

- recognizing that the climate crisis is the defining challenge of our time
- stressing the vitally important role that universities can play in achieving a sustainable future through teaching, research and operations
- acknowledging our responsibility to lead by example
- recognizing that future development must take place in a way that is socially, economically and environmentally sustainable taking into consideration the climate challenges

### Agree that we will:

- support and promote the transforming of our campus into a living laboratory for climate solutions
- provide the educational opportunity for our students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to lead in a low-carbon economy
- align our financial portfolios with our Net Zero goals, prioritizing transparent environmental, social and governance criteria
- contribute to the achievement of the Net-Zero goals by ensuring that our operational footprint aligns with the limits of our planet
- report on our activities to promote transparency and maintain accountability to our students, staff, and local community



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