

Climate Solutions Summit



Net Impact Undergraduate and ReThink are excited to announce the return of the *Climate Solutions Summit*, a two-day event that will engage over 150 UW students, professionals, and policymakers to identify, improve, and implement transformative climate solutions. This year, our focus is **representation in the climate space**.

Friday, May 2nd, 2025 – Leadership Summit

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 – Case Competition

Background

Last year, with the help of a coalition of sustainability and business organizations, we launched the second [Climate Solutions Summit](#). The event explored scaling and implementing distributed solar in underserved communities locally and nationwide in the wake of the IRA.

The centerpiece was a cross-disciplinary conference that connected enthusiastic students with clean energy professionals. The conference featured a keynote speech from Governor Bob Ferguson and panel discussions on Disruptive Innovation and Community Solar.

The second element was a community solar case competition. 16 student teams learned about the IRA's policy incentives and proposed solutions to increase the speed and scale of distributed solar projects in opportunity zones, including tribal constituencies. Teams presented their ideas to expert judges and the top teams competed in a final round for cash prizes.

Endorsements

"We see the intersection of business and policy determining the success of decarbonizing aviation and other industrial sectors. The UW Climate Solutions Summit takes this and adds a third important ingredient: Ingenuity through idea exchange. Boeing is delighted to be a partner and are looking forward to the event!"

– Ryan Faucett, Director of
Environmental Sustainability,
Boeing

"At the Foster School we strive to better humanity through business. The *Climate Solutions Summit* is a wonderful example of how we are collaboratively and collectively achieving that purpose by directly addressing the real-world, unstructured problems, like climate change, that are so critically important to our future."

– Frank Hodge, Dean,
UW Foster School of Business

"The Climate Solutions Summit is a shining example of how collaboration between students, businesses, and sustainability organizations can drive meaningful progress towards a more sustainable future. Together we can scale clean energy technology to address the urgent challenge of climate change."

– Gus Williams, Workforce
Development Manager,
CleanTech Alliance

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- Opportunity for an organization representative to present or participate on a panel.

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