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### **UC Berkeley Commits to Publicly Report Climate Change Emissions**

BERKELEY, California – University of California Berkeley has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. University of California Berkeley is one of five Universities of California to participate in this rigorous program. As a member, UC Berkeley will work with the Registry to annually track, publicly report and certify its greenhouse gas emissions, the main drivers of global warming.

University of Berkeley's fundamental missions are teaching, research and public service. Educating students at all levels, from undergraduate to the most advanced graduate level, Berkeley provides a unique environment in which leading scholars and promising students strive together to expand fundamental knowledge of human nature, society, and the natural world. Berkeley helps create an educated workforce that keeps the California economy competitive and contributes to the needs of a changing society.

"The University of California Berkeley is well known for its forward thinking approach to education. Committing to the Registry's rigorous program to measure and certify their emissions is a natural extension of this demonstrated leadership," said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, is a non-profit public/private partnership that helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

Early this year, the U.C. Berkeley Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability launched the Cal Climate Action Partnership (CalCAP), an initiative focused on a feasibility study to create a climate action plan. "Registry membership is the first step for CalCAP in identifying greenhouse gas emissions sources and reduction targets," said Fahmida Ahmed, project manager for CalCAP. "Cal is committed to examining our current practices and operations to find emissions reduction opportunities. We have a tremendous amount of expertise and desire within the Cal Community to be committed and innovative in meeting aggressive targets."

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**The California Climate Action Registry** is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 100 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org)