



# UC Davis Institute of the Environment

## A Diverse, Climate-Smart Workforce

In addition to groundbreaking research, we are also committed to educating the public about best practices in fire prevention and environmental stewardship. We are developing educational summits with the Foundation for California Community Colleges to inform a climate-smart workforce focused on sustainable forest and fire management. These summits aim to protect the most vulnerable communities—those in rural areas and those who disproportionately experience the impacts of environmental issues and climate change.

Workforce development plays an important role in putting diversity, equity and inclusion principles into action. By partnering with organizations to train students who come from communities most at risk of fire damage, we are able to share best practices with groups who may live in remote, underdeveloped areas. When students who participate in this initiative return to their communities, they will have a better understanding of which strategies will work best for their area and they will have their community's trust to effectively implement new practices.

Philanthropic support will provide students with critical trainings to become agents of change within their communities.

### Philanthropic Opportunities

As we look toward the future of climate change solutions, we invite visionary philanthropists to strengthen our capacity for impact. Support for groundbreaking research and student internships that train future leaders will play a key role in elevating the Fire Resilience Initiative to new heights.

- Fund research that will translate to innovative solutions for resilient communities **GOAL: \$250,000**
- Fund immersive student internships that foster collaboration between students and rural communities **GOAL: \$250,000**



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