



“Caring for the planet amidst a climate and health crisis: solutions and alliances for simultaneously protecting both our health and the environment”

Research project competition and presentation

Who can take part?

Any group of between two and five students from any degree programme at UIC Barcelona. It is essential that each group has a leader who will be responsible for filling out the participation form.

What do groups need to submit to take part?

Participants must choose and carry out a research project related to the current climate and health crisis. The project must be submitted in one of the following formats: as a **scientific poster** or **interactive workshop**.

What does the research project entail?

Projects may be presented in one of two formats: as a scientific posters or interactive workshops.

The posters and workshops must be the result of a research project based on the current climate and health crisis and must present viable solutions from the point of view of the participating students' degree programme (education, law, economics, architecture, communication, health or culture).

Examples of research topics include: What effect has the arrival of the health crisis had on the climate crisis? Health crisis and climate crisis: opportunity or disaster? After a three-month lockdown, what have we learned as a society? How can we maintain the environmental improvements (improved air and water quality, fewer CO₂ emissions) that we have observed since the lockdown? What are the benefits of the circular economy in the context of a climate and health crisis? What repercussions will the current situation have on developing countries? Which human activities can benefit how we care for the planet? What role does education play in the current context? What role does citizen participation play in the context of the crisis we are experiencing?

What role does communication play in raising awareness about both crises in society? Are there examples of successful communication campaigns and what effects have they



had? Are disposable masks and plastics the true sanitary solution? And what about the planet? What is the relationship between deforestation or the destruction of ecosystems with the increase of viruses? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the @replem initiative helping to repopulate small towns? What is the social and environmental impact of the rise in teleworking in our society? What are the dangers and consequences of climate change on our health? Is the current situation a warning from Mother Nature? How can we help curb climate change in our daily lives? How does global warming affect our health? Which consumption habits help mitigate climate change? Are we still able to curb climate change and its consequences? If so, how?

How will projects be presented and assessed?

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to move all presentations online. Each presentation will have a maximum duration of ten minutes. We will assess the viability and sustainability of each project, as well as how they are presented and executed.

For groups that have chosen to design a **practical workshop**, we will assess how well they have analysed the topic they have chosen and the viability of their proposals to mitigate climate change in real-world contexts (classroom, companies, etc.). The presentations for the workshops and practical cases can be pre-recorded.

For groups that have chosen to design a **scientific poster**, we will assess the depth of their analysis of the climate change crisis and their presentation of the research project. The poster must include the following elements: a title, theoretical framework, research objectives, research methodology, results, discussion and bibliographical references. Groups may create a PowerPoint presentation and it will therefore not be necessary to submit a paper poster.

Recognition

Any projects that are also curricular assignments will be assessed from an academic point of view as part of the subject in question.

A diploma supplement will be issued to students who take part and present a research project in the Cross-Disciplinary Workshop on Sustainability.

Four prizes will be awarded in total: two prizes for the best projects from each campus based on the assessment criteria.



- **Prize for the best poster (Sant Cugat campus):** Academic certificate and a €300 gift voucher for the Garbí Bookshop.
- **Prize for the best poster (Barcelona campus):** Academic certificate and a €300 gift voucher for the Garbí Bookshop.
- **Prize for the best workshop (Sant Cugat campus):** Academic certificate and a €300 gift voucher for the Garbí Bookshop.
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When is the submission deadline?

The registration deadline is 31 October. Registration can be completed online via the following link: <https://forms.gle/msGRQwTTuEZ8uzg87>

The submission deadline is **25 November at 9.30 a.m.** It is essential to include all participants' names, academic years and the degree programme to which they belong. The work must also be sent to the Office for Cooperation and Sustainable Development via the following email address: sostenible@uic.es.