

Climate Catalyst Award - Early Career Researcher - Spring 2026 Application

Thank you for your interest in the Climate Catalyst Awards: Early Career Researcher (ECR) Stream.

The objective of this award is to support ECR at UBC in developing their research program and building their academic networks. For the purpose of this award, an ECR is a researcher within ten years from the start date of their first research-related appointment, minus the length of any eligible delays in research (e.g. illness, maternity, parental).

The ECR Stream is for activities that are climate-solutions focused, help to establish collaborative research directions and/or new research relationships, and contribute to new research and engagement activities. Applications must be research or engagement related. The applicants may propose a wide range of activities in order to meet the award objectives.

For details on the program including eligibility, please consult our website prior to submitting an application. On this page, you will also find a template to help you prepare your application materials.

<https://climatesolutions.ubc.ca/funding-opportunities/climate-catalyst-awards/early-career-researcher-stream>

If you have questions regarding the award, please reach out to Program Coordinator Lesley Dampier (lesley.dampier@ubc.ca).

Submissions must be received by April 29 at 11:59 pm (PST).

Click next to proceed with the application.

Applicant Full Name (First, Last)

Applicant Email Address

Email Address Confirmation

Primary Campus Affiliation

- ☐ UBC Vancouver
- ☐ UBC Okanagan

Faculty or School

Department or Program

Academic Rank

- ☐ Assistant Professor
- ☐ Associate Professor
- ☐ Assistant Professor of Teaching
- ☐ Associate Professor of Teaching
- ☐ Other (please specify below)

Confirmation of ECR Eligibility Window

☐ I confirm that I am within ten years of the start date of my first research-related appointment (adjusted for any eligible delays), and therefore meet the ECR definition for this award. I understand that examples of research-related appointments include postdoctoral fellowships, research associate positions, and tenure-track faculty roles.

Please upload your CV in PDF format. Please name your file as follows: CV_Last Name_First Name_Catalyst ECR

In this section, please describe your intended research program and activities. Please note that the character maximums provide a limit only; concise responses may not require the full character limit.

Describe your general research program as an ECR and your intended future direction for solutions-oriented climate research. (maximum 2,000 characters)

Describe how the Climate Catalyst Award (ECR Stream) would be used to advance solutions-oriented climate research. Broadly speaking, what are the gaps that this funding might help fill? Applications must demonstrate a clear climate-solutions focus to be eligible. (maximum 2,000 characters)

Describe the specific activities or approaches that will be undertaken to support the award objectives and your research goals. Be specific about what will be done during the 12 month award period and any outcomes you would like to achieve. (maximum 2,000 characters)

For example, an outcome might include a grant application, a research partnership agreement, a policy brief, a dataset, a knowledge mobilization product, etc. (see examples for guidance on our website <https://climatesolutions.ubc.ca/funding-opportunities/climate-catalyst-awards/early-career-researcher-stream>).

Describe how the proposed activities will establish new collaborative research directions or relationships, either within UBC or with external partners. If you are building on an existing collaboration, explain the specific new or expanded direction this work will introduce. (maximum 2,000 characters).

Are any of these initiatives partially funded through other sources? If so, please describe how the Climate Catalyst Funding extends the reach or impact of your research. (maximum 1000 characters)

This section collects a summary for the intended use of the \$10,000 award. Please note that only an estimate is required.

Enter the dollar amount you intend to allocate to in each category. Use \$0 for any categories you do not intend to use. The sum of all categories must not exceed \$10,000.

Student Stipends	
Materials and Supplies	
Equipment	
Travel Expenses	
Other	

For each budget category, please provide a brief description. If you indicated zero in the fields above, please leave blank. (maximum 250 characters each)

Student Stipends

Materials and Supplies

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Other

Thank you for your interest in the Climate Catalyst Award - ECR Stream. By clicking next your submission will be received and you will have the opportunity to download a copy of your submission. An email will also be sent with a copy of your responses.

Help us improve our communications by letting us know how you heard about this award:

- ☐ Newsletter from the Climate Solutions Research Collective
- ☐ Newsletter from another group at UBC. Please indicate which one:
- ☐ Department or Faculty Communication
- ☐ Colleague Referral
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Other
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