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## News

### YPS Doctoral Fellowship: Leadership Training for the Complex Challenges of Tomorrow



Applications are now open for the Stella M. Hammond Planetary Solutions Doctoral Fellowship! This program provides stipend and research support to a cohort of ambitious Yale Ph.D. students whose work contributes to the YPS mission. Together, fellows form an interdisciplinary community focused on solving the wicked problem of the planetary crises we face. The program supports participants in their professional development through workshops, community-building events, service opportunities, and more. Current Yale doctoral students in years 1 and 2 of study are encouraged to [apply by April 17 on our website](#).

Join YPS for a virtual info session on [March 19](#) or [April 8](#).

### Sci X Sci-Fi 2026: Create and Explore New Climate Narratives through Video Games, Board Games, Fiction, and Short Films



Imagine a future you're excited to live in. If it's difficult, you're not alone. Dystopian visions of the future dominate popular culture, but what if we empower each other with hope by letting ourselves dream? That's why YPS hosts Sci X Sci-Fi, an annual conversation between creative world builders and

Sci X Sci-Fi 2026 will take place March 26 and 27. Join our visiting Creatives-in-Residence to discuss—and experience—the power of climate storytelling through video games, fiction writing, films, and board games. [Visit our website to register!](#)

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## Call for Proposals: Yale @ Climate Week NYC 2026



This year, Yale @ Climate Week NYC will take place September 21-22 at the Yale Club of NYC. YPS is seeking proposals from faculty, staff, and students who have ideas for events that can demonstrate impact through action, broadly defined. [Learn more and submit your idea by Friday, April 17!](#) Email YPS at [planetarysolutions@yale.edu](mailto:planetarysolutions@yale.edu) for more information.

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## Through Creative Space-Making, 221 Whitney Emerges as Yale's Services Hub



A redesigned workspace is building community, flexibility, and a more sustainable approach to campus. From thoughtful tech upgrades to fun team-building events, changes to 221 Whitney provide a template for optimizing offices and generating enthusiastic support for change. [Read more.](#)

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## Yale Office of Sustainability Seeks Nominations for the 2026 Sustainability Awards



Do you know a sustainability champion at Yale who deserves recognition? In celebration of Earth Day, the Office of Sustainability will honor students, faculty, and staff for outstanding contributions that are advancing environmental sustainability on campus and beyond. The deadline to submit is Sunday, March 8. Awardees will be announced at the State of Sustainability on April 8. [Nominate a sustainability champion.](#)

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## Yale's Presidential Lecture Series Will Welcome Harvey Fineberg on March 26



Each semester, as part of President Maurie McInnis's Presidential Lecture series, a leading expert is invited to campus to share ideas and inspire critical thought on some of today's most complex topics, particularly as they relate to higher education. The Spring 2026 Presidential Lecturer is Dr. Harvey Fineberg, who has led a national conversation, "Rethinking Researcher

Assessment and Incentives at U.S. Academic Institutions,” through workshops at the National Academies, and through his role at the Moore Foundation. There, he championed the [MA3 Challenge](#) for institutions pursuing bold, creative strategies to develop academic reward systems that foster a collaborative, responsive, and transparent research environment.

Dr. Fineberg’s lecture, “The Race for the Future: Which Countries and What Values Will Prevail?” will take place on March 26, 2026, 4:00-5:00 PM in Linsly-Chittenden Hall. [Register on Yale Connect.](#)

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## Responsible Deployment of Carbon Dioxide Removal in the Global South – A Panel with YCNCC & Yale Emerging Climate Fellows



As part of the Yale International Leadership Center’s climate week, YCNCC and the Yale Emerging Climate Leaders Fellowship co-hosted a panel discussion in February on the opportunities and challenges with scaling carbon dioxide removal across the Global South. The conversation converged on several key themes, including the need for transparency, the critical importance of co-benefits (and mitigating negative impacts), and financing challenges with CDR deployments in the countries of the Global South. [Read more.](#)

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## Opportunities

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### Wellcome Trust RFP for Climate Impacts Awards



The Wellcome Trust has released a new request for proposals--[Climate Impacts Awards: Unlocking Urgent Climate Action by Making the Health Effects of Climate Change Visible](#). Funding is available up to £2.5 million over 3 years, with applications due by April 8. It’s open to researchers worldwide, except mainland China. Learn more. Those who intend to apply should [notify Zandra Ruiz](#).

#### **Additional Opportunities:**

[The Law, Environment, and Animals Program \(LEAP\) Invites Applications for Two Fellowship Opportunities](#)

[YSE Launches Strategic Climate Change Communication Certificate Program: Apply Now!](#)

[Submit Abstracts for the Spring 2026 Environmental Humanities Graduate Symposium by March 27](#)

[Apply by March 28 for Law, Environment, and Animal Program \(LEAP\) Student Grants](#)

[Rachel Carson Council National Environment Leadership Fellowship Applications Due April 17](#)

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# Upcoming Events

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Geospatial Community of Practice  
March 4, 17 Hillhouse Avenue

2026 Yale Cooling Conference  
March 5-6, Evans Hall

Healing with More-than-Humans: Environment, Historicities, and Sacred Materialities  
March 26, Miller Hall

Sci X Sci-Fi 2026  
March 26-27, Multiple Locations

Environmental Film Festival at Yale (EFFY)  
March 27-28, Kroon Hall and Sage Hall

Moving the Needle: Finance and Fashion  
April 7, Evans Hall

Startup Yale  
April 10, Hotel Marcel New Haven

Environmental Humanities Graduate Symposium  
April 15, Humanities Quadrangle

"The Need for AI in Biodiversity Science: Beyond Bucks and Acres" with Dr. Peter Kareiva  
April 27, Kroon Hall

**Save the Date: Biodiversity Day**  
April 28, Greenburg Conference Center

From Innovation to Impact: AI at Yale Symposium 2026  
April 28, Kline Tower

Yale Center for Natural Carbon Capture Spring Symposium + 5th Anniversary  
May 7-8, Kline Geology Laboratory Auditorium

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