## **The Melbourne Climate Futures (MCF) Academy: Member Guidelines**

***What is Melbourne Climate Futures?***

[Melbourne Climate Futures](https://www.unimelb.edu.au/climate) (MCF) is a University of Melbourne (UoM) initiative that connects and amplifies the depth and breadth of UoM climate focused research, creates a portal to share ideas and collaborate on real action, and empowers the next generation of climate advocates and scientists. MCF is committed to leading national, regional, and global communities to a sustainable, safe, fair, and equitable climate future. You can learn more about MCF and register for upcoming events at the [MCF website](https://www.unimelb.edu.au/climate).

***What is the MCF Academy?***

The MCF Academy comprises PhD candidates and postdoctoral fellows across disciplines who are working in climate-related fields. The Academy provides an integrated program and presence for climate research at the University of Melbourne and is co-located with MCF in the Melbourne Connect building. The Academy builds the capacity of future leaders in climate research, providing opportunities through a curated training and seminar series to build knowledge, skills, and networks within and external to the University.

***Becoming a MCF Academy member***

Researchers based at the University of Melbourne undertaking a PhD or postdoctoral fellowship who are working on climate-related projects are invited to join the MCF Academy. To express your interest in becoming a member, please email [Melbourne-climate-futures@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:Melbourne-climate-futures@unimelb.edu.au), including one page detailing your interest for joining and a copy of your resume.

***What are the benefits of becoming an MCF Academy member?***

MCF Academy provides numerous benefits to its members, including:

* access to a shared space on Level 1 in Melbourne Connect, including use of shared facilities and equipment, such as the Utilities room, meeting rooms and kitchen.
* access to a tailored interdisciplinary training program, and opportunities to present your research as part of the MCFA seminar series.
* participation in the [Climate Futures Researcher Cluster](https://law.unimelb.edu.au/centres/mcf/home/people-and-partnerships#climate-futures-research-cluster). The MCF Research Cluster comprises University academics from all disciplines working on climate-related research. The Cluster meets monthly to exchange research and ideas with colleagues from across the University.

***What is required of MCF Academy members?***

We ask that MCF Academy members engage fully in the Academy offerings, attending and contributing to fortnightly meetings, training, and seminars where they are able.

We also request that MCF Academy members recognise their affiliation with MCF on conference presentations and in peer-reviewed journal articles they author.

We also ask postdoctoral fellows and honoraries to assist PhD candidates and Masters students, and to contribute to the successful delivery of the program, assisting the Academic Convenor and Training and Seminar Program Coordinator as needed. Postdoctoral fellows will be asked to report on their contributions to the Academy annually.