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Dear Colleagues:

Last November, I announced the Carbon Neutrality Initiative, which commits UC to emit net zero greenhouse gases from its buildings and vehicle fleet by 2025, something no other major university system has done. To ensure that students are engaged in this critical effort, I am announcing the creation of the President's Sustainability Student Fellowship/Internship Program.

The program will provide each campus, the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Office of the President with $7,500 to fund non-need based student awards. The program is inspired by the fellowship program of the UC Global Food Initiative. Each location may provide awards to undergraduate and/or graduate students to fund research fellowships and/or traditional internships; the number of awards to be granted is at your discretion. Each location will administer the program locally so that the students' efforts can be aligned with your campus-based projects. At each of the ten UC campuses, one student recipient position will be dedicated to supporting student engagement and communications efforts on that campus for the Carbon Neutrality Initiative and the President’s Global Climate Leadership Council.

As the students' projects are to be completed by the end of the 2014-2015 academic year, I ask that you conclude the process of soliciting applications and selecting recipients by mid-February. Please provide me with a list of your awardees, along with a brief description of their projects, no later than February 20, 2015. In the interim, please identify a primary administrative contact at your campus/location for the program and send their contact information to Assistant Director of Student Services, Eric Heng. Questions about the program can also be directed to Assistant Director Heng. He can be reached by email at Eric.Heng@ucop.edu.
Harnessing the passion and creative energy of our students is just one step in our effort to focus the University’s collective resources on the wide range of sustainability-related issues facing our campuses, our communities, our country, and our world. I am hopeful that these awards will help energize students’ interest in supporting the Carbon Neutrality Initiative and the efforts being led by your campus.

Very truly yours,

Janet Napolitano
President

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