

Climate Foresight Program

Guide for applicants



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The Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions catalyzes and mobilizes research, partnerships, and knowledge that generate climate action. PICS is hosted and led by the University of Victoria, in collaboration with the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Northern British Columbia.

1. About the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

The [Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions](#) (PICS) catalyzes and mobilizes research, partnerships, and knowledge that generate climate action in British Columbia and around the world. PICS is a multi-university institute encompassing the four major research-intensive universities in British Columbia: the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Northern British Columbia.

In the face of accelerating climate challenge, PICS is increasing our investment in collaboration, research, and knowledge mobilization, guided by our [Strategic Plan: 2024 and Beyond](#). Our work focuses on solutions to the most pressing climate issues facing people, communities, and the land. PICS is here to support B.C.'s collective capacity to act. PICS is a values-based organization committed to equity and to reconciliation, justice, diversity, and inclusion.

2. Climate Foresight Program Objectives

The Climate Foresight Program incubates new, transdisciplinary, and cross-sectoral collaborations to explore complex and emergent climate challenges.

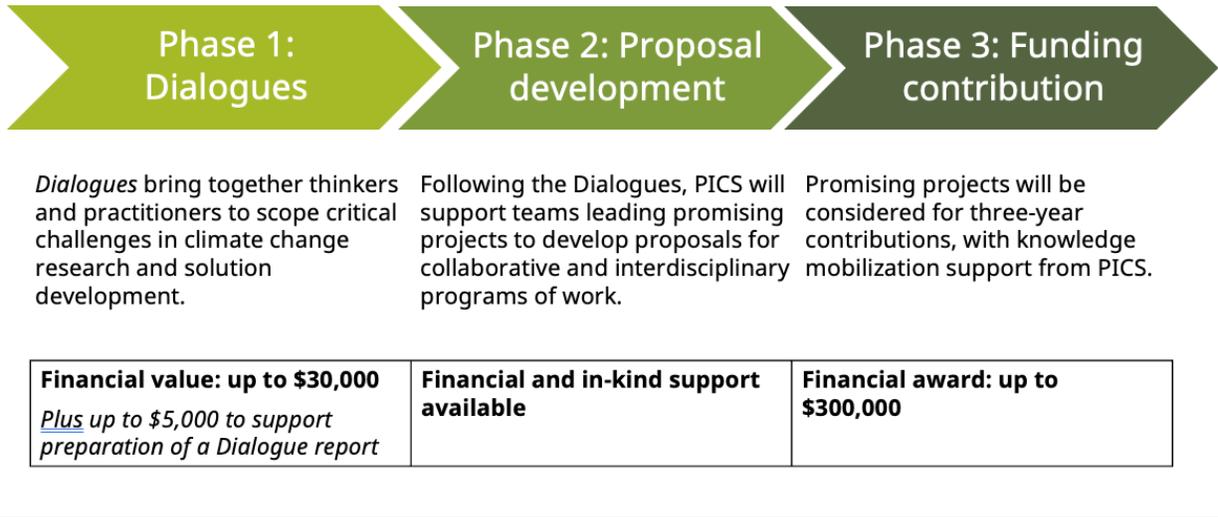
The Program has three objectives:

- to generate transformative knowledge and solutions to complex and emergent climate challenges facing BC and the broader world.
- to convene and support new, transdisciplinary knowledge networks among researchers, knowledge holders, and practitioners.
- to build leadership and strengthen capacity in the B.C. climate research community.

The program is structured in three phases. The first stage of this program is this Call for Dialogues, designed to generate the priorities, partnerships, and programs of work for subsequent programming and grants.

Following a successful Dialogue, project teams will be invited to prepare proposals for up-to-three-year, up-to-\$300,000 funding contributions for research and network-building stemming from the Dialogues. This latter phase is by invitation only, informed by the Dialogue outcomes. *Multi-year funding contributions are not guaranteed to all groups approved for the Dialogue phase. Decisions regarding funding contributions will be made by PICS leadership, informed by external reviewers, based on the procedures and evaluation criteria in the latter phases of the program, which will be shared with Dialogue project teams.*

Climate Foresight Structure - Three phases:



This guide covers phase 1 of the program. Successful applicants to the Open Call for Dialogues will receive the guide to the latter phases of the program following the confirmation of their award.

3. The Dialogues

What are Climate Foresight Dialogues?

Climate Foresight Dialogues are immersive workshops in which participants exchange knowledge and develop shared understanding of complex problems in climate research and action. A Dialogue brings together researchers, practitioners, and other Knowledge Holders across diverse disciplines and sectors over the course of a two- to three-day facilitated workshop. The Dialogues offer the opportunity to collaboratively scope critical gaps in understanding, explore diverse methods of inquiry and ways of knowing, define climate challenges and chart potential pathways for collaborative research and solution development. They build the foundational connections for subsequent project work.

Dialogues are led by interdisciplinary teams of two to three applicants who will lead the agenda design, participant selection, recruitment, and discussions, in collaboration with PICS staff. They are held in inspiring, retreat-like settings in B.C. that foster immersive exchange and connection. Suggested locations are in B.C.'s Gulf Islands, but other locations in B.C. may be appropriate depending on team needs and regional focus.

PICS will support all aspects of planning, hosting, and facilitation design for the Dialogues

(valued up to \$30,000), and will be an active project partner to ensure the Dialogue has impact. Up to \$5,000 in additional funds is available to support teams in developing a summary report of the Dialogue.

Why Dialogues?

PICS believes deep insights begin with expansive conversation, and remarkable collaborations are seeded through in-person connection, significant experiences, and shared inquiry. We believe that effective solutions to complex climate challenges begin from collaborative problem-definition, informed by multiple ways of knowing. While virtual and hybrid meetings have an important role in collaborative processes, for this initial stage of project definition we are prioritizing face-to-face interaction.

Climate Foresight Dialogues are intended to seed relationships and directions of inquiry that can inform multi-year collaborative research under the Climate Foresight program. Following the Dialogues, PICS will support teams leading promising projects to co-develop collaborative programs of work that may include, e.g., sequential meetings, network building and facilitation, grant proposal development, and/or research. This longer-term program of work will engage transformative approaches to research and collaboration appropriate to the issues identified (see Appendix 2), and be oriented toward knowledge that can be used by practitioners, communities, and/or decision-makers in support of transformative climate solutions. Promising projects will be considered for contributions of up to \$300,000 for these activities, alongside support from the PICS communications team to mobilize and communicate knowledge outputs to relevant audiences.

What Is Expected from the Dialogues?

A successful Dialogue requires careful planning, facilitation, and follow-up. A successful Dialogue will be thoughtfully designed around clear and feasible goals, and carefully facilitated to engage all participants in achieving these goals. It will engage multiple ways of knowing toward interdisciplinary and intersectoral approaches and solutions. Some examples of goals for dialogues are:

- Collaboratively scoping a complex problem area in order to inform a multidisciplinary research agenda for the chosen topic area
- Fleshing out a novel concept or innovative methodology through engagement with diverse expertise/experience
- Building an interdisciplinary/intersectoral network to coordinate research and action on a complex climate challenge.

Project teams are expected to produce an accessible summary report or write-up of the Dialogue, to be used for public communication and/or recruitment of additional

participants in the future program of work, as appropriate to the Dialogue's goals. Up to \$5,000 in additional funds are available to support the preparation of the report.

Project teams are primarily responsible for defining the Dialogue's goals, communicating these to participants, contributing to the agenda-planning to ensure that goals are accomplished, and producing the Dialogue report. They are responsible for recruiting and holding relationships with participants, and for following up with participants on Dialogue outcomes and next steps on a reasonable timeframe.

PICS staff support effective planning and facilitation of the Dialogues. They serve as lead facilitator, working closely with the project team to plan and lead the facilitation approach, unless a project team member is skilled to take on this role. They also coordinate the event planning and logistics.

A Letter of Agreement outlining roles and responsibilities will be signed between the project team and PICS following the confirmation of award.

Following the Dialogues, project teams that demonstrate partner enthusiasm, clear goals, and the potential for innovative approaches and impacts will be invited to submit proposals for up to three years of project funding (totaling up to \$300,000). These proposals will be adjudicated on a non-competitive basis to ensure rigor and fit with the Climate Foresight objectives. Where a Dialogue demonstrates that further engagement or project scoping is necessary prior to a full proposal, PICS staff may suggest alternative paths forward.

3.1 Eligible Topics

Thematic focus for the Dialogues is broadly open to issues in climate change mitigation and/or adaptation, aligned with PICS' values and commitments to justice and reconciliation. This program is funded through PICS' public endowment, and as such topics must offer a benefit to the public good. Eligible topics for dialogues show:

1) Direct relevance to climate change impacts, mitigation, and/or adaptation in B.C., but may also have relevance beyond the province. **As a requirement for eligibility**, proposals must demonstrate the primary relevance of climate change to the proposed topic and research: i.e., how climate change plays a direct role in the problem drivers or impacts that the research will address, and/or how the solution pathways bear directly on climate change drivers, impacts, and/or responses.

2) Complexity and emergence, requiring interdisciplinary and intersectoral solutions. Eligible topics will be characterized by *complexity* and *emergence*, such that solutions require diverse disciplinary perspectives and ways of knowing. Proposals should demonstrate why the urgency and complexity of the problem requires collaborative

solutions, and how the project team will bring together diverse disciplinary perspectives and ways of knowing.

3) Potential to inform transformative approaches across at least two of PICS' three impact areas: justice, wellbeing, and biodiversity; policy, practice, and technology; and communities and place. Proposals should show how the Dialogue retreat can inform a longer-term collaborative project that would give rise to transformative approaches, including addressing the root drivers of complex challenges and the barriers to change, and with consideration across the biophysical, technological, sociopolitical, and justice dimensions of the topics, as appropriate.

The program is designed to catalyze new research, partnerships, or networks. Proposals can support the development of a new research direction or a new, additional dimension of an existing project through new partnerships or new lines of inquiry. If the proposal builds on an existing project, applicants should clearly specify how the Dialogue will engender new and distinct research directions.

What do we mean by Climate Foresight?

We use *foresight* in a broad sense to refer to the collaborative exploration of new problem domains which are at the horizons of climate research and solution development. The invitation for the Climate Foresight program is for researchers to propose collaborations that address complex and poorly understood climate issues. Proposals do not need to employ specific foresight methodologies. The Climate Foresight Program is our opportunity to support the research community in exploring the types of knowledge and action that will be needed in the future to address emergent climate challenges.

For more details on PICS values, impact areas, and perspective on complexity and transformative change, see Appendix 2.

3.2 Eligible Applicants and Team Members

Applicant teams are made up of one lead applicant and one to two co-applicants. Applicant teams are expected to be multidisciplinary. The lead applicant, and at least one co-applicant, must be full-time faculty members from one or more of the four PICS universities (SFU, UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan, UNBC, UVic). We will give scoring weight to applicant teams involving more than one PICS university. An additional co-applicant may be from a non-PICS post-secondary institution, private and practitioner sector, community or Indigenous organization, or government.

3.3 Eligible Dialogue Participants

PICS is deeply committed to co-designed, collaborative learning and solutions that forge partnerships at an early stage in project development, and that include groups who have historically not benefited from or had access to climate knowledge co-production opportunities.

We will provide support for 15-18 Dialogue participants (including the applicants), within budget. Participants should reflect a diversity of identities, experience, disciplinary and sectoral range, as relevant to the proposed topic (leading scholars across academic disciplines, decision makers, practitioners, thought leaders situated across sectors, and rights holders), and early career as well as established scholars.

Applicants do not need to have confirmed interest from specific participants at the stage of application. However, applicants are asked to identify potential invitees, including specific individuals with affiliations if known. If specific invitees are unknown, specify the expertise, organizations, and/or initiatives you would look to recruit and who you believe may have an interest in attending.

In keeping with PICS' B.C.-focused mandate, at least half of participants should be B.C.-based, and we will give scoring weight based on the potential for participation from multiple PICS consortium universities. Subject to budget, other participants may be national and/or international depending on expertise and perspective required for the chosen topic. PICS staff will participate as co-facilitators and observers.

3.3 Award Value

The total value of a Dialogue is estimated at \$30,000, with all funds administered directly by PICS in collaboration with applicant teams. *PICS will direct pay for all Dialogue costs; no funds will be transferred to the applicant's home institution.* Accommodation, food, and venue are valued at around \$15,000-\$17,000. PICS staff will work with applicant teams to allocate the remaining funds for additional costs, including participant travel; preparation of background materials; honoraria for Indigenous, NGO, or community members; and/or other services or supplies necessary to support the meeting.

Up to \$5,000 in additional funds will be available to support teams to prepare a Dialogue summary report or write-up to aid in project recruitment or communications.

4. Application Process and Evaluation

4.1 Application Process

Applicants should submit a proposal via application form on the [PICS website](#) by **May 10, 2026** (11:59pm PDT). The application template is included in Appendix 1 below.

4.2 Evaluation

Dialogue proposals will be evaluated by PICS staff and an external decision review committee, based on the criteria below. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a 30-minute interview with the Climate Foresight team, anticipated between the dates of June 15-26. PICS staff may reach out to applicants for additional information to complete their evaluations.

We will communicate decisions by early July. Planning for the Fall dialogues will begin in July.

As described in section 3.1, **Climate Foresight Dialogue proposals must demonstrate the primary relevance of climate change to the proposed topic and research.**

Proposals that successfully demonstrate this relevance will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Proposal component	Value /100	Scoring considerations and relationships to PICS priorities
Significance and relevance of the proposed topic (40%)		
1.a. Summary statement	Not scored	- The problem statement effectively communicates an urgent and significant problem for climate research/action and a compelling approach.
1.b. Background & significance of topic	30	- The proposal addresses a critical issue for climate research and/or action from a variety of perspectives. - There is a clear knowledge gap. - The consequences of the knowledge gap are significant and clearly defined.
1.c. Complexity & emergence	10	- The proposal addresses a complex and emergent climate challenge. - The root drivers of the challenge are well-described and merit integrated interdisciplinary and intersectoral responses.

Potential for transformative impact (35%)		
1.d. Need for transformative approaches	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The approach is grounded in an adequate preliminary understanding of the barriers to change - The approach has the potential to enhance understanding of these barriers and to advance transformative solutions.
1.e. Potential for collaboration and impacts	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a clear and compelling need for a Dialogue process, with the potential for co-production of actionable knowledge with relevant practitioner sectors, impacted communities, and decision-makers. - The envisioned outcomes links clearly to the described need for transformative insights and solutions - There is potential for impact across at least two of PICS' three impact areas.
1.f Suggested participants	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposal clearly identifies a diversity of participants with relevant expertise and experience appropriate to topic. - Proposed participants balance existing relationships with new ones, showing the potential to generate new knowledge networks.
Diversity and credibility of the team (25%)		
1.g. Leadership, feasibility and capacity 3.a. Resumes/ CVs	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant team demonstrates interdisciplinary breadth. - The applicant team represents more than one university and/or organization. - The lead applicant has experience leading interdisciplinary teams. - The lead applicant has experience with collaborative research. - Co-applicants are actively engaged with relevant practitioner communities.
Fit with PICS strategic goals, partnerships, and priorities		
<i>These criteria will be considered holistically by PICS reviewers with reference to the Climate Foresight portfolio.</i>		- Contributes to balance of PICS portfolio.
		- Contributes to balance between PICS universities.
		- Demonstrates collaboration among more than one PICS university (in leadership and/or participants).

Appendix 1: Application template and instructions: Climate Foresight Dialogues

Identification

Please provide full contact information for the applicant team.

Lead applicant Name:

Title and institutional affiliation:

Email:

Co-applicant name:

Title and institutional affiliation:

Email:

Co-applicant name:

Title and institutional affiliation:

Email:

Part 1: Proposal Narrative

This section details the focus, intentions, significance, and potential participants for your Dialogue retreat. You may cite relevant sources as needed in any consistent reference format. A reference list may be uploaded as a separate document at the end of the section.

1a. Dialogue Retreat title, keywords, and summary statement

Title:

Keywords: Please provide up to 5 keywords that describe the focus of your dialogue.

Summary statement (up to 200 words): A concise explanation of the topic, preliminary definition of the problem statement, and preliminary aspiration(s) for the Dialogue retreat's outcome that can be widely understood by a range of individuals and groups. It

should introduce the project name and provide a clear, stand-alone, and accessible explanation of your initiative. Please avoid citations in your summary statement.

1b. Background and significance of the topic (up to 500 words)

Explain the challenge that your Dialogue retreat will address. In your answer, explain why this issue is critical for climate research and/or action; in what areas it is under-researched or little-understood; and what the consequences are of these knowledge gaps.

1c. Characteristics of complexity and emergence (up to 250 words)

Explain your preliminary understanding of the root drivers of this challenge, and the characteristics that make it a complex and emergent problem that requires interdisciplinary and intersectoral responses. (Please refer to Appendix 2 of the Guide for Applicants for PICS' perspective on collaborative and transformative research.)

1d. Need for transformative approaches (up to 250 words)

Explain your preliminary understanding of the barriers to change on your topic, and why current responses to this problem require transformative approaches. (Please refer to Appendix 2 of the Guide for Applicants for PICS' perspective on collaborative and transformative research.)

1.e. Potential for transformative impact (up to 500 words)

How would the Dialogue retreat contribute to a longer-term collaborative project that would give rise to transformative approaches across at least two of PICS' impact areas? Describe how the Dialogue event would support identification of transformative insights, and how subsequent collaboration could lead to co-produced approaches and applicable knowledge for practitioners, communities, and/or decision-makers. If the work is location-specific, specify the broader relevance of the work to systems change beyond the study site. (Please refer to Appendix 2 of the Guide for Applicants for more information on PICS impact areas).

1f. Suggested participants (up to 300 words).

Describe, broadly, the types of participants and backgrounds you consider critical to this conversation (specific individuals with affiliations if known, and if not, the expertise, organizations, and/or initiatives you would look to recruit), and why this assembly would be well-situated to address the challenges you have identified. Highlight relevant information such as related work and existing relationships on which the Dialogue would build, and any other tangible measures of relevant expertise, qualifications, experience, and perspective. Demonstrate the potential for involvement of researchers from multiple PICS universities.

Note: Suggested participants do not need to have confirmed interest at this stage, but applicants should have a reasonable belief in their interest in attending and be able to contact them for recruitment.

1g. Leadership, feasibility and capacity (up to 400 words)

Describe the applicant team's experience with transdisciplinary and co-designed initiatives, and why they are equipped to lead this team in the proposed activities. Highlight relevant information such as related work, existing relationships, awards, and any other tangible measures of relevant expertise, qualifications, and experience. You may provide external links or reference items listed in applicants' CVs.

1h. Reference list (optional)

Please upload a document listing any references cited in the application. References may be in any consistent citation format.

Part 2: Dialogue Logistics (not scored)

2a. Availability

Please tick this box to confirm the applicant team's availability for a two- to three-day Dialogue scheduled in October or November 2026, and for regular planning calls throughout the summer.

Please tick this box to confirm the applicant team's general availability for a 30-minute interview during the weeks of June 15th or June 22nd as part of the proposal evaluation process.

If you have identified specific preferred dates, please list them. If there are blackout dates when applicants will be fully offline and unavailable for interviews or planning in summer or fall, please highlight those.

2.b. Venue needs (optional, up to 100 words)

Dialogues will be held in person, at a retreat-style location in B.C., organized by PICS. Are there any specific needs that your group would have regarding venue amenities or accessibility (including technology needs)?

Part 3: Applicant Resumes/CVs

Please attach a **two- to four-page** resume or CV for each applicant, including information on position and education, and highlighting awards, service and community engagement, publications, and other achievements relevant to the proposal.

Part 4: Suggested Reviewers

Please list the names and email contact information for two suggested reviewers. PICS may or may not request reviews from these individuals. Suggested reviewers may not be:

- Affiliated with any applicant's research team or lab;
- Someone with whom any applicant has collaborated on research in the past 3 years;
- Someone who has or has had a supervisory/supervisee or mentoring/mentee relationship with any applicant over the course of their studies or career;
- Someone with whom any applicant has a personal relationship; or
- Someone with a financial interest in the outcome of the decision.

Reviewer 1 Name:

Reviewer 1 title and institutional affiliation:

Reviewer 1 email:

Reviewer 2 Name:

Reviewer 2 title and institutional affiliation:

Reviewer 2 email:

Part 5: Lead Applicant Signature

As lead applicant, I attest that all co-applicants have read, contributed to, and approve of this application.

Lead applicant Name: Signature:

Appendix 2: PICS Purpose and Values, Intended Impacts, and Collaborative Research Model

Purpose and Values

PICS' purpose and values shape our decision-making, how we connect and collaborate, and the culture we develop internally as an organization and externally with our partners to generate our intended impacts.

PURPOSE: To catalyze and mobilize research, partnerships, and knowledge that generate climate action.

VALUES: The Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions is a values-based organization that centres its work on principles of respect, relationality, reciprocity, trust, transparency, and transformation.

- **RESPECT** – by meaningfully considering how equity, inclusion and justice factor in our work and workplace, we commit to respecting diverse species, diverse ways of knowing, and diverse approaches to how we co-generate climate action.
- **RELATIONALITY** – by thinking in holistic ways, embracing complexity, and appreciation for the web of intergenerational relationships that climate change affects, we commit to fostering good relations now and into the future.
- **RECIPROCITY** – by recognizing the interconnectedness across climate, environmental, and human systems, we commit to climate action that generates co-benefits and gives back to people, places and the planet that sustains us.
- **TRUST** – by developing high integrity processes and programs, we commit to generating knowledge, research and policy recommendations that earn us trust as a credible and creative source for climate information and knowledge mobilization.
- **TRANSPARENCY** – by practicing openness and honesty as an organization, we commit to being transparent and accountable for our decisions and processes related to the research, education, and services we deliver and support.
- **TRANSFORMATION** – by recognizing the significance, magnitude, and urgency of climate change and the underlying and unequal systems and structures that contribute to it, we commit to taking a values-based approach to collaborative climate action that supports transformation.

Intended Impacts

PICS aims to catalyze and mobilize research, partnerships, and knowledge that advance mitigation and adaptation at the intersections of our three intended impacts:

JUSTICE, WELLBEING, AND BIODIVERSITY:

Intersectional approaches to climate action that embrace diverse ways of knowing, which support wellbeing and deep respect for nature and biodiversity.

POLICY, PRACTICE, AND TECHNOLOGY:

Agile, adaptive and interactive approaches to developing policy-relevant research and services that enhance climate action.

COMMUNITIES AND PLACE:

Transdisciplinary research connected and co-designed with diverse communities and constituencies, which is rooted in place.

This holistic framing of our intended impacts encourages transdisciplinary and transformative complexity in a systematic, relational, and synergistic way.

Co-design and Collaborative Research

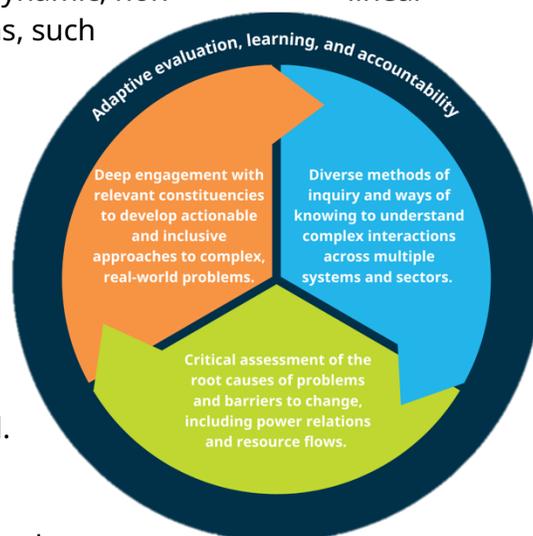
PICS is deeply committed to co-designed, collaborative learning and solving approaches that forge partnerships at an early stage in project development, and that include groups who have historically not benefited from or had access to climate knowledge co-production opportunities. Research partners and community partners each bring essential knowledge and skills to produce effective research and useful knowledge. This model relies on contributing partners to co-design, co-develop, and co-deliver the project:

- Research partners bring theoretical analysis, empirical knowledge and experience, research skills, and academic excellence to the project to help generate new knowledge and social, technical, and institutional innovations.
- Community partners bring applicable research as well as domain knowledge and analysis informed by experience. They play a key role in identifying and framing the problem, defining relevant research questions, developing solutions that are not only useful but used, and implementing results, helping to translate theory to action. Community partners may be based in the private sector, government, First Nations, civil society or non-governmental organizations.

Research for Transformative Change

It is widely recognized that transformative change to social and economic systems is necessary to prevent the worst impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss (IPBES 2019, 2024; IPCC 2023). Transformative change involves systemic, mutually reinforcing shifts in “*views* – ways of thinking, knowing and seeing; *structures* – ways of organizing, regulating and governing; and *practices* – ways of doing, behaving and relating” (IPBES 2024; original emphasis) that result in “a change in the fundamental attributes of human and natural systems” (UNFCCC 2024, 6).

While the terms *transformation* and *transition* are sometimes used interchangeably in climate literature, transformation generally indicates deeper changes across multiple dimensions of society (political, economic, cultural), and aims to describe how changes can amplify and scale under conditions of *complexity* and *emergence*. In a complex and emergent system, functions and outcomes result from dynamic, non-linear interactions among a system’s elements and sub-systems, such that the properties of a system cannot be understood through its individual parts alone.¹ Understanding the conditions for transformative change in complex and emergent systems requires interdisciplinary, intersectoral, and holistic approaches that can grasp these interactions. Incremental or small-scale changes can have transformative potential when they reverberate across scales and spheres of influence (e.g. views, structures, practices) to create “different and new patterns of interactions and outcomes” (Augenstein et al. 2024, 1; Lam et al. 2020a).



Whereas transformation is a descriptive term, research and practice for sustainability transformations carry normative intent: to rapidly decarbonize economies and establish new structures and functions in the global system that maintain climate stability and biodiversity (Augenstein 2024; UNFCCC 2024). International research bodies have emphasized that transformative change for sustainability requires

critically assessing the systemic and structural barriers to change, including power relations and resource flows, and that climate actions that support equity, justice, and inclusion lead to more sustainable outcomes and better support transformative change (IPBES 2025; IPCC 2023).

The vocabulary of transformative change comes mainly from systems science and ecology.

¹ There are many perspectives on complexity and emergence across knowledge traditions. Estrada (2023) provides a review of and intervention into debates on the definition of complexity in interdisciplinary systems science.

However, many academic fields have robust theoretical and empirical literatures on the conditions for and barriers to systemic change. Diverse Indigenous traditions have distinct understandings of transformative change that are underrepresented in existing research on sustainability transitions (Lam et al. 2020b). Insights from many fields, including Indigenous Knowledges, are relevant to understanding the prospects for transformation toward sustainable climate futures (West et al. 2024; Orlove et al. 2023).

Research for transformative change is action-oriented, addressing the root drivers of complex, systemic problems through deep engagement with diverse constituencies and ways of knowing. Transformative research for sustainability requires transdisciplinary approaches that not only integrate or triangulate multiple methods but also *co-produce* knowledge and solutions among practitioners and researchers/Knowledge Holders with diverse perspectives and expertise (Augenstein et al. 2024; Horcea-Milcu et al. 2024). Transformative approaches can draw on the robust traditions of community-engaged and action-oriented research (Horcea-Milcu et al. 2024; Caniglia et al. 2021; Mertens 2009). They may go beyond these approaches in the breadth of their interdisciplinarity; their focus on how change may amplify or scale through complex interactions; and their emphasis on addressing the root causes of problems and barriers to change, which may include power relations, resource flows, and worldviews.

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