



Climate Health Now's Healthcare Sustainability Fellowship 2026

Have you always wanted to make your healthcare workplace more sustainable but felt like you need help? Through the Healthcare Sustainability Fellowship we will provide all the coaching to help you complete a sustainability project – and our coaches see you through the whole process from beginning to end.

To apply, each individual or group will propose a climate solution project that they are already working on or wish to work on during the fellowship.

This tuition-free fellowship lasts for one year, with the option to continue for a second year. The format consists of monthly one-hour coaching support sessions. Coaching will be provided by Drs. Bill Pevec and Pam Lee and all sessions will be held virtually. Participants are expected to attend all sessions, with the exception of extenuating circumstances. Attendance will be required at in-person fellowship seminars on January 30th, 2026 and in January 2027; funding will be provided to defray travel expenses.

Throughout the course of this fellowship, participants are anticipated to:

- Gain accountability and mentorship in completing a healthcare sustainability project.
- Learn skills useful to shepherding a healthcare sustainability project from start to finish.

Pre-applications are due October 24, 2025 by 5p PT. Competitive pre-applicants will be invited to submit a final application. Selected fellows will begin their projects in January 2026 and will be required to attend a Fellowship Summit on January 30th, 2026.

Ready to apply? Visit

<https://climatehealthnow.ourpowerbase.net/form/climate-health-now-healthcare-su> to apply or scan the QR code below!



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can apply to the fellowship?

The fellowship is open to any member of the health community in California. To read more about how CHN defines the health community [see here](#).

2. I want to apply but am not a member of Climate Health Now. What should I do?

At least one member of your team must be a member of CHN – to submit a membership request, [please fill out this form!](#).

3. When are pre-applications due?

By October 24, 2025 at 5p PT.

4. What happens after I submit a pre-application?

Our Fellowship Coaches Bill Pevec and Pam Lee will be in touch on or shortly after October 24 , 2025. If your pre-application is accepted to move forward, Bill and Pam will provide feedback to optimize your final application. Successful pre-applicants will need to submit a final application by November 21, 2025

5. What are the criteria that will be used to evaluate my pre-application?

Applications will be evaluated based on feasibility, impact, and innovation.

6. What if I want to participate but don't have a project in mind?

Please complete a pre-application that describes the general area you might be interested in evaluating. You may reach out to Pam (pamlee823@gmail.com) or Bill (wcpevec@ucdavis.edu) to discuss ideas for projects before the pre-application due date, if desired.

7. How many people can be on a team?

Up to four individuals may apply as a team.

8. Who are our coaches?

William Pevec, M.D: Dr. Pevec is Professor and Chief Emeritus of Vascular Surgery at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He completed a residency in General Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh, and a fellowship in Vascular Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He joined the Department of Surgery at UC Davis in 1992, and was chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery from 1999 until his retirement in 2018. He served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Vascular Surgery for six years, and is a past president of the Western Vascular Society.

Currently, Dr. Pevec is the Docent Coordinator for Stebbins-Cold Canyon Natural Reserve. He started and is leading the UC Davis Health Sustainability Advocates at the UC Davis Medical Center, and is a member of the UC Davis Health Sustainability Committee. He was recognized with a Faculty Champion Campus Sustainability Award by the UC Davis Office of Sustainability in 2020, and a "Sustainability Saves" award from the UC Davis Health System in 2023. He is an

active member of Climate Health Now, and is co-leading their Healthcare Sustainability Fellowship. He is an advisor to Healthcare Sustainability Fellowship of the University of California Center for Climate, Health, and Equity. He serves on the Climate Smart Healthcare Working Group of the Medical Society Consortium for Climate and Health.

Pam Lee, M.D:

Associate Chief – Division of Infectious Diseases, Harbor-UCLA

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor – Department of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Clinical Assistant Professor – College of Medicine, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

Investigator – The Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation

Dr. Lee is an infectious disease specialist at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Much of her medical training took place in LA County's Department of Health Services, and as such she is deeply committed to providing healthcare for LA's safety-net populations. Her passion for climate work stems from knowing that patients like hers bear the brunt of the adverse effects of climate change and pollution, such as escalated health risks, economic challenges, and social disparities.

Dr. Lee's overarching academic interest is the intersection of healthcare delivery and environmental sustainability, with specific focuses on infection prevention and control and diagnostic stewardship. She received a 2023-2024 Leaders in Epidemiology, Antimicrobial Stewardship, and Public Health fellowship from the Infectious Diseases Society of America / Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America for her project "Quantifying the Environmental Impact of MRSA/VRE Contact Precautions in LA County". She is a sought-after public speaker who has appeared on the popular infectious diseases podcast "[Febrile](#)", been invited to speak at the nationwide healthcare sustainability conference CleanMed, and regularly delivers lectures on environmental sustainability in healthcare as part of the leadership for the California advocacy group "[Climate Health Now](#)".

9. If I am applying with a team, should we all submit a pre-application?

No – one person should submit the pre-application and include the names of the other team members and their email addresses with their pre-application.

10. What if I don't live in California? Can I still apply?

Climate Health Now is an organization for California-based members of the health community. We are connected to similar organizations across the U.S. – please reach out to us at connect@climatehealthnow.org and we are happy to connect you with others doing similar work across the U.S.

