Climate Action Learning Lab Application Text

Please submit your application through qualtrics:
https://mit.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39OZ9DXMGIEgYDQ

Thank you for your interest in the Climate Action Learning Lab. The Climate Action Learning Lab supports local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and industry leaders in the US in identifying and scaling effective decarbonization and adaptation strategies to address the dual challenges of poverty and climate change. J-PAL North America, the administrator of this programming, focuses on the use of randomized evaluations to study social programs and policies. For more information on the offerings and who should apply, please visit our webpage and reach out to na_eecc@povertyactionlab.org with any questions or sign up for office hours.

Applicants are encouraged to include at least two—and up to five—staff members from transportation, climate/sustainability, energy, adaptation/resiliency, or related teams to participate in the virtual programming. Please have one person submit the application on behalf of the team and specify information for any additional participating staff members below. J-PAL North America strongly encourages program directors, managers, implementers, and data/evaluation team members, to be prioritized for participation. We also welcome collaborations with local utility providers and other entities who have direct access to important climate data.

While we encourage all accepted team members to participate in all virtual programming, it is expected that participating organizations identify at least 2 staff members to consistently participate in the virtual sessions, as the ability to build upon lessons from each session is key to achieving the Learning Lab objectives.

Please note that we welcome applications from US state and local jurisdictions, nonprofit organizations, utility providers and climate technology companies. Application language refers to "entities" to encompass all of these possible applicants.

Section 1: Applicant information

Applicant type

◯ State or local government agency or association

◯ Non-profit organization

◯ Utility provider

◯ Climate technology company

◯ Other (please describe)

Applicant information [of person submitting this form]

◯ First name (1) _____

◯ Last name (2) _____

◯ Job title (3) _____

◯ Name of entity (4) _____

◯ Unit/office within entity (5) _____

◯ Email (6) _____

◯ Role in entity's climate mitigation or adaptation programs/strategies, and/or evaluation

(7) _____

Are you a jurisdiction within the United States or an organization/company conducting work in the United States?
☐ **Yes**
☐ **No**

To be eligible to participate in the Climate Action Learning Lab, applicants must be from jurisdictions within the United States, or organizations conducting work in the United States.

If you do not meet this requirement but are interested in generating rigorous evidence to identify and advance equitable, high-impact policy solutions to climate change, we would be happy to connect you with other resources to the best of our ability. Please feel free to elaborate on your

interests in the open field below, and press the next arrow to share your contact information with us.

You may also email us directly at na_eecc@povertyactionlab.org.

Additional applicant information [For each additional applicant, up to 4]

○ First name (1) _____

○ Last name (2) _____

○ Job title (3) _____

○ Name of entity (4) _____

○ Unit/office within entity (5) _____

○ Email (6) _____

○ Role in entity's climate mitigation or adaptation work,
and/or evaluation (7) _____

In each of your roles, how would you and the team members listed contribute to embedding evaluation into your entity's climate mitigation or adaptation work? Please also specify any additional team members, and their roles, who would <u>not</u> participate in the Learning Lab but who would be involved in an evaluation or from whom you would need buy-in.

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How did you hear about this opportunity?

- ☐ J-PAL North America email
- ☐ J-PAL North America webinar
- ☐ C40 cities
- ☐ Direct outreach from J-PAL North America
- ☐ Social media (LinkedIn, X, Bluesky)
- ☐ A researcher I'm working with
- ☐ Other (Please explain:_____)

Section 2: Commitment to climate action

In a brief paragraph, please share about your entity's commitment to climate action. As applicable, in your response, please note if you have a Climate Action Plan and the status of that plan (i.e., if it is in development or currently being implemented).

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Select programmatic/issue areas that are of priority to your entity.

☐   Agriculture and land use (1)

☐   Air pollution co-benefits (2)

☐   Building energy use and energy efficiency (3)

☐   Climate risk and adaptation (e.g., wildfire, extreme heat) (4)

☐   Equity; benefits and burdens on specific communities (6)

☐   GHG regulations (e.g., emissions pricing) (7)

☐   Transportation (8)

☐   Other [please specify below] (9)

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Section 3: Opportunities to embed rigorous evaluation

Please describe the specific program(s) that you are interested in exploring for evaluation readiness, including their goals, implementation status and timeline, and who they serve.

If you do not have specific climate program(s) in mind for evaluation, please indicate if you are seeking support identifying program(s) to prioritize for evaluation, and/or if you are hoping to build evaluation into a grant/funding proposal for a new program to strengthen the application, or describe your other reason(s) for seeking evaluation support.

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Briefly describe your entity's current access to key data sources that can inform program impact or plans to access key data sources (for example, existing data use agreement in place with electric utility company to access household energy usage).

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Describe in a brief paragraph the applying entity's commitment to pursuing new opportunities for rigorous evaluation and using evidence to inform decision-making. Please share how joining J-PAL North America's Climate Action Learning Lab would contribute to these efforts. In your response, please include information on your entity's current evaluation infrastructure or activities as applicable.

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Why are you interested in joining the Climate Action Learning Lab? Elaborating on your responses above, please outline your goals for this opportunity, highlighting what you hope to achieve. Please limit your response to 1-3 paragraphs.

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Statement of participation

While we encourage all team members listed to participate in all virtual programming, it is expected that accepted entities identify **at least 2 staff members to consistently participate in the virtual sessions**, as the ability to build upon lessons from each session is key to achieving the Learning Lab objectives.

For phase I of the programming (10 weeks from May-early August, 2026) the time commitment is approximately 1-2 hours per week. For phase II of programming (August 2026 onward) the time commitment is approximately 1 hour per quarter.

◯ I confirm that we have identified or will identify at least 2 staff members of our team who will

make their best efforts to commit approximately 1-2 hours per week from May-early August, 2026 and approximately 1 hour per quarter August 2026 onward.

○ I have concerns about meeting this requirement but would still like to apply to the Climate Action Learning Lab [please explain below].

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End of application