

Invitation for scientists

Fall 2019

Thematic call for manuscripts

Human responses to climate change

Increase the impact of your research with Climanosco

Climanosco's mission is to make climate science accessible to everyone. One way we do this is by supporting researchers in paraphrasing climate research so that it is readily understandable to a broad audience, and by freely sharing that knowledge with and promoting it to the public.

We invite you to join our efforts with our fall 2019 thematic call for manuscripts. Participation offers:

- The opportunity to share your (or others') research with a larger, diverse audience
- A fully supported editing process with feedback from scientific and accessibility focused peers
- The chance to help increase public knowledge about climate science

This year, we are asking for manuscripts on the science of the past, present and future human responses to climate change, including but not limited to:

- mitigation scenarios
- adaptation strategies
- individual vs collective change agents
- renewables
- reforestation
- reduction of short-term climate forcing pollutants
- geo-engineering

Manuscripts will reflect the state-of-the-art of published research and may span knowledge areas including that of climate science, engineering, and social and political sciences. They will be approximately 1500 words (3 pages), written in a language accessible to the general public. They may include pictures, illustrations and videos. Manuscripts may be either an introduction to well-established knowledge, a general overview of an area of research, or a more detailed dive into specific facets of an area of research. Please see below for more details.

The three best articles will win exciting prizes!

The deadline for the online submission of manuscripts is 31 January 2020.

Please [notify us](#) of your intention to participate as soon as possible but no later than 15 December 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Climanosco team

Additional information

Who can participate?

We welcome participants who

- have published within the past 6 years, as one of the main authors, an article in a recognized peer reviewed scientific journal in climate science or in an area of science related to the present call for manuscripts; and
- have completed or are enrolled in a master or doctoral level education in climate science or in an area of science related to the present call for manuscripts.

What does it cost?

- Participation is all free of charges, including registration, submission and publication.
- Articles are published in open access by Climanosco.

What's the publication process in short?

- One of our scientific editors will take editorship of your manuscript after submission.
- The manuscript is then peer reviewed on both scientific and accessibility levels.
- Once accepted for publication, the article will be published in open access on our website.
- Once published, promotional content will be created and shared with Climanosco's community and beyond across various social media platforms.
- Climanosco may work with artists to create bespoke imagery to include with research articles and will inform and involve authors and editors in this process.
- A printed collection will be published for this call and shipped on request to the participants for free.

Deadlines

- **Notification of intent to participate: as soon as possible but no later than 15 December 2019**
- **Submission of manuscript: 31 January 2020**

Contact

- For any other question, contact us at: call-fall2019@climanosco.org
- Information and updates on this call are available at: www.climanosco.org/call-fall2019

About Climanosco

Climanosco is a young, independent, non-profit organization led by climate scientists and citizens, whose mission is to make climate science accessible to everyone (find out more at www.climanosco.org/about/). Climanosco's main goals are:

- Make state-of-the-art climate science free and accessible to everyone;
- Engage citizens in the process of communicating and enhancing climate science;
- Offer climate scientists a reliable channel for communicating their research to a broad public;
- Provide a direct channel for citizens and scientists to engage with each other about questions of climate science.

How to participate

1. Submit your notification of intent (deadline 15 December 2019)

Send us an email as soon as possible at call-fall2019@climanosco.org with

- a few words describing the manuscript you intend to submit and a few main references;
- the reference of an article of yours that was published within the past 6 years in a recognized peer reviewed journal in the area of climate science or another area of science related to this call for manuscripts.

By sending a notification of intent, you indicate that you commit to write and submit a manuscript by the due date (31 January 2020) in the area of this thematic call which satisfies the conditions expressed in sections 3 and 4 below.

Please note that the first notifications of intent we receive will be given higher priority. We are currently able to peer review about 5 and 10 manuscripts simultaneously. Depending on the number of notifications we receive by the deadline, we may limit the number of manuscripts we may accept for submission in this call or we may hold a second issue on this topic later on.

We will be in touch with you within a few days of receiving your notification of intent.

2. Register with Climanosco

To access the online submission, peer review and publication panels, register as a regular member of Climanosco at www.climanosco.org/register.

Registration is free of charge for all participants of this call. Registration can be cancelled at any time. We require that authors be registered with Climanosco for the duration of the publication process for a successful publication to ensue.

3. Prepare your manuscript

Make sure that you fulfil the following conditions:

- The manuscript is composed of:
 - Title
 - Flash outline (max. 110 characters)
 - Outline (max. 200 words)
 - Questions addressed in manuscript (max. 3 questions)
 - Body (max. 2500 words; recommended max. 1500 words for introductory articles)
- Manuscripts can provide either an introduction to well-established knowledge, a general overview of an area of research, or a more detailed dive into specific facets of an area of research.
- The text and images or videos if any, are adapted to a broad audience with no prior scientific knowledge.
- The manuscript is based on scientific research that has been published in recognized peer reviewed journals in the area of climate science or an area of science related to the present call for manuscripts.
- The text of the manuscript is new and original. Images and videos, if any, are either new and original, or appropriate copyrights have been secured.

- As a participant, you are the first author of the manuscript. You can add co-authors to the manuscript as desired. Co-authors do not need to be registered with Climanosco.
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- [Formatting your content](#)
- [How to handle references and citations](#)

For more details on our peer review and publication process:

- [Introducing our research articles](#)
- [Introducing our extended peer review process](#)
- [Peer review criteria for manuscripts](#)

Don't hesitate to contact us at the email address above if you have any question.

4. Submit your manuscript (deadline 31 January 2020)

Submit your manuscript by 31 January 2020 at: www.climanosco.org/call-fall2019

We will confirm within a few days of reception of the manuscript if it fulfils all requirements.

Don't hesitate to contact us at the email address above if you encounter any problem.

5. Peer review

Here is a short summary of the peer review process and its timeline. Please make sure to fulfil the requirements at each step. For details, see [Introducing our extended peer review process](#) and [Peer review criteria for manuscripts](#).

Preliminary discussion (2-4 weeks): Manuscripts first enter a 2-week preliminary discussion where all members can give initial feedback to the authors. Authors have another 2 weeks to edit their manuscript and finalize their submission. This step may be skipped for returning first authors.

Peer review assignments (1-2 weeks): A scientific editor takes editorship of the manuscript and chooses the science and accessibility reviewers as required.

Open blind review (3 weeks): Assigned reviewers and other members have three weeks to write review reports on the manuscript evaluating their accessibility, scientific content, relevance and presentation.

Open discussion (2 weeks): All members can give final feedback on the manuscript.

Revision (4-6 weeks): Based on the review reports and open discussion, the editor gives a recommendation to the authors for the revision of the manuscript. Authors then revise the manuscript online and submit an author's reply. Based on the revised version the editor takes a final decision as to the publication.

Publication (1-2 weeks): Last proof-reading and editing, followed by publication on Climanosco's website and promotion to Climanosco's community on social media.

6. Selection of top three manuscripts and prizes

After publication of all participating manuscripts, a jury will be elected by the Board of Directors to choose the three best manuscripts within this thematic call.

The jury is composed of an equal number of members who are registered climate scientists and who are not. It will rank the final versions of the manuscripts by way of vote following the [Peer review criteria for manuscripts](#).

All manuscripts' first authors shall receive a paper certificate of participation. The top three manuscripts' first authors shall in addition receive a Climanosco t-shirt and cash prizes as follows:

1. First prize: CHF 1000
2. Second prize: CHF 500
3. Third prize: CHF 500

The paper certificates and t-shirts will be sent by post. Climanosco declines responsibility in case of the loss of a parcel. The cash prizes will be sent to the winners by bank transfer. It is the responsibility of the participants to make sure that they have access to a bank account where the prizes can be deposited. It is the responsibility of the winners to declare the prizes to the tax authorities in their country. In case of a winning manuscript with co-authors, the first author is responsible for sharing the prize with the co-authors.

7. Disclaimer

We might have to adjust the deadlines for the submission of the notifications of intent and the submission of manuscripts depending on the responses we receive.

All participants will be notified in due time of any such adjustments.

Manuscripts not participating to this thematic call can be submitted at any time to Climanosco, but they will be streamlined as editors and reviewers become available. We thank the authors for their patience.