

# DISCCRS

Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate-Change Research  
Climate Research and Leadership Network for New PhDs

## OVERVIEW

DISCCRS (pronounced “discourse”) catalyzes interdisciplinary collegial interactions and professional development necessary for successful careers dedicated to understanding climate change and mitigating its impacts. Through its e-newsletter, website, and symposia, DISCCRS is building a global community dedicated to scientific and societal progress to address climate change.

Since 2002, more than 1,000 PhDs have registered dissertations with DISCCRS and over 140 scholars from 20 countries have benefitted from the symposia. We invite scholars in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, mathematics, engineering, and other fields to apply for the upcoming DISCCRS VI Symposium.

## RESOURCES

### Web Page

Visit [www.discdrs.org](http://www.discdrs.org) to join the online community of new scholars. Included:

- DISCCRS registration form
- PhD Dissertation registry
- Symposium application instructions
- Climate-related news and links
- Career-development resources

### Weekly E-News

Devoted to early career climate scientists, the weekly e-newsletter consolidates science and policy news, job, fellowship and research opportunities, meeting announcements, professional resources and other time-sensitive information. Send job and other announcements to: [info@discdrs.org](mailto:info@discdrs.org).

### Sponsoring Societies

American Geophysical Union (AGU); American Meteorological Society (AMS); American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO); Association of American Geographers (AAG); Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE); Ecological Society of America (ESA); Environmental Studies Section of the International Studies Association (ESS-ISA); Science, Technology and Environmental Politics section of the American Political Science Association (STEP/APSA); The Oceanography Society (TOS) and U.S. Society for Ecological Economics (USSEE).

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## SYMPOSIA

DISCCRS Symposia are built on the premise that successful interdisciplinary scholarship begins with a core area of expertise and grows with the development of broader knowledge and collegial connections across disciplines. The annual symposia catalyze the process by providing scholars with an interdisciplinary collegial network and bird’s-eye view of climate-change research across the natural and social sciences. Discussions, projects and informal activities facilitate development of communication and leadership skills and interdisciplinary collegial networks. Included:

- **30 invited DISCCRS scholars** present and discuss their research while developing a collegial peer network.
- **Established researchers** and scholars engage in a relaxed, informal setting to share knowledge and insights concerning climate change and interdisciplinary professional development.
- **Program Officers** from the **U.S. National Science Foundation** and **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** describe programs, the proposal review process, and successful proposal development.
- **Expert professional-development trainers** facilitate leadership and team building.
- **Scholars hone their ability to communicate** across disciplines and beyond the ivory tower.

“DISCCRS far transcends the subject matter discussed. It is also about process, learning and communication.”

*Anonymous, DISCCRS III Scholar*

DISCCRS fosters collaborative interdisciplinary research and societal connections to address climate change and its impacts.



## DISCCRS VI Symposium

**22 - 29 October 2011**

La Foret Conference Center  
Colorado Springs, CO

### Eligibility

PhD in any discipline  
must be completed between:

**April 1, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2011**

An interdisciplinary committee will select 30 Symposium Scholars based on academic record, commitment to interdisciplinary research, and leadership potential. U.S. residents and international scholars seeking to connect with U.S. researchers are encouraged to apply.

Travel and on-site expenses will be covered in most cases.

### Application Instructions

[www.discdrs.org](http://www.discdrs.org)

### Application Deadline

**March 1, 2011**

## Register Now

to receive

**E-newsletter &  
Symposium Information**

[www.discdrs.org/register.html](http://www.discdrs.org/register.html)