

## Fossil Free Stanford

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### Who We Are:

Fossil Free Stanford (FFS) is a group of students and alumni working to achieve full divestment from the fossil fuel industry at Stanford. We ask Stanford University to:

1. **Immediately freeze any new investment in the top 200 oil and gas companies, ranked by carbon content of their proven fuel reserves, and,**
2. **Divest within five years from direct ownership in those 200 companies and from any commingled funds that include their equities or corporate bonds**

Our intent is not to bankrupt the fossil fuel industry, but rather to create the social and political climate necessary to combat global climate change by stigmatizing the industry that contributes to the destruction of our future.

We are a core group of about 30 members, supported by over 100 student allies on campus, and thousands of faculty, alumni, community members, and Stanford affiliates across the nation. Within our core team, responsibilities of the campaign are divided into various subgroups: Administration, Student Outreach, Alumni, Faculty, and Media.

### Community Support:

Fossil Free Stanford was established in 2012, out of the need for our university to use its political and financial influence to create the environment necessary to make pass federal and international climate legislation. Since 2012, we have come a long way:

- **455 Stanford faculty** have signed the Faculty Letter in support of divestment.
- **Over 3,000 students and alumni** have signed onto our petition calling on Stanford to divest from fossil fuels
- **Over 1,000 students and alumni** have pledged to withhold donations to the university until Stanford divests.
- A 2014 student referendum showed that **over 75% of the student body** supports full divestment from fossil fuels.

We are introducing a Reinvestment Campaign, asking Stanford to reinvest its money in local, community led climate solutions, as well as a divestment campaign targeting the Stanford Student Enterprises (SSE) endowment.

Stanford University's commitment to sustainability cannot be limited to greening the campus only. Given the influence and reach that the university has, its decision to remain invested in the oil and natural gas industries is unjustifiable. In this present state of climate urgency as we move into a new presidency, Stanford's voice is more important than ever. We ask the university to exercise it.