What is the Offset Network?

- The Offset Network is a collaboration of higher education institutions to catalyze and support unique offset projects that provide educational and research opportunities for students, faculty, and staff.
- The Offset Network is hosted and facilitated by Second Nature (secondnature.org)
- Individuals and higher education institutions can join the Offset Network. Email Innovation@secondnature.org for more information on joining.

What does the Offset Network Do?

- **Campus-driven Offset Projects**: The Offset Network creates and facilitates processes for colleges and universities to develop meaningful and innovative carbon offset projects to meet emissions reduction targets.
- **Peer Verification**: Institutions of higher education seeking to implement offset projects can submit program documents for review and feedback, and ultimately receive verification through the Offset Network’s Peer Verification Program.
- **Guidance Documents**: The website (offsetnetwork.org) provides protocols that schools can follow to develop offset projects, and guidance documents for how best to do so.
- **Peer Connections**: The Offset Network facilitates communication among schools, and serves as a platform to speak with other institutions about offset project ideas or simply brainstorm ways to use carbon offsets to meet climate goals.
- **Case Studies**: The website includes case studies and examples of carbon offset projects developed by colleges and universities.

What is Peer Verification?

- Peer Verification is an avenue to engage students and faculty in the offset process, and to encourage more local, “in our own backyard” projects and projects at scales which might not otherwise justify third-party ISO-accredited verification.
- Peer Verification allows campuses to be more innovative in developing offset projects by developing protocols to fit their unique situations, and build upon institutional research and expertise.

Get Involved

- There are many ways to get involved. Faculty, staff, and students can develop an offset project, create a new offset protocol, review project documents, serve as peer verifiers, and more.
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