

The WCRP Academy - Equipping climate scientists for today and the future
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The WCRP Academy is the research training advisory and coordination arm of the World Climate Research Program. Its mission is to equip current and future climate scientists with the knowledge, skills and attributes required to tackle the world's most pressing and challenging climate research questions. The Academy's activities will promote and advance lifelong learning opportunities and global equity in climate science training. It will measure its success by the scope and diversity of the global climate research community that engages with the Academy as well as its ability to improve global access to high-quality climate science training and professional development without prohibitive costs to the trainee.

The objective of the WCRP Academy is to determine the requirements for climate research education and build enabling mechanisms to meet these requirements. To this end the Academy will run an annual stocktake to develop a "market place" of communities who require and/or provide particular types of climate training. The information will be curated by the Academy and presented on fora that facilitate connections between these communities.

This presentation will summarise the aims, objectives and structure of the WCRP Academy, present some preliminary results from our first annual stocktake and share our roadmap for 2022 and beyond.

