



## **FAQs – CLIMATE CERTIFICATE COURSE- Women in Energy Entrepreneurship 2021**

### ***About the Course***

#### **1. What is Climate Certificate Course?**

Climate Certificate is a 9 months course for young women graduates/ postgraduates /PhD holders who aspire to start their entrepreneurship journey in the climate and cleantech space.

The program will introduce young women graduates to climate issues and provide necessary knowledge and skills for running a venture through expert sessions and practical training.

Climate Certificate is a program by Climate Collective Foundation with the aim to create a gender balanced and inclusive startup ecosystem.

#### **2. What are the outcomes expected from this course?**

- Develop basic subject knowledge in climate with focus in clean energy and energy access.
- Build business literacy and confidence to take a plunge in entrepreneurship.
- Develop an understanding of the potential opportunities in the clean energy sector to be an entrepreneur
- Practical exposure to working with relevant startups
- Access to mentors, experts, founders and other stakeholders to become part of a larger climate and cleantech community.

#### **3. Is this course recognized/ approved by any university?**

No, this course is offered by Climate Collective Foundation as part of our [Women in Climate Entrepreneurship \(WICE\)](#) program. The course content is developed by startup founders and domain experts, to develop technical know-how and business literacy among aspiring women entrepreneurs.

#### **4. Will I receive a course completion certificate after successfully completing the program?**

Yes, each participant will receive a course completion certificate if they complete the course requisites and have at least 70% participation.

#### **5. What is the fee for this course?**

The course is currently funded by Good Energies Foundation and hence offered at no charge to the participants.

#### **6. What is the duration of the course?**

9 months

## ***Eligibility***

### **7. I am in my final year of graduation/post-graduation. Can I enroll for this course?**

No, you should complete your degree to enroll for this course.

### **8. I am working full-time with a company. Am I eligible?**

We would prefer if you are a part-time working professional over full time but if you feel that you can manage the time commitment then you are welcome to apply

### **9. We are an early-stage startup in energy. Can we enroll for this course?**

This course is designed for aspiring young entrepreneurs. If you have a well-defined idea then, you will be better suited for our pre-accelerator/ accelerator programs. If you are still in idea formation, you are welcome to apply here.

### **10. Do I need to apply individually or as a team?**

We are accepting applications from individuals. However, if you wish to apply as a group, do write to us and we will consider on a case-by-case basis

### **11. I am not a citizen of India but fulfils other criteria. Am I eligible to apply?**

Unfortunately, this program is open for Indian nationals only. However, do keep a look out for our upcoming programs.

### **12. What is the selection criteria for the program?**

The applicants who meet the minimum eligibility criteria will be judged on their intent of applying for this course and commitment to participate and complete the course requisites.

### **13. By when can I hear on the selection post applying for the course?**

We will take 1 week to scrutinize applications after the application deadline. If you are selected, you will receive an email from us.

### **14. Can I cancel my application after receipt of the confirmation email?**

If you wish to cancel, you should do within one week of the receipt of confirmation email.

### **15. Will I be put on waiting list if don't receive the selection email?**

Yes. If we have seats available, we will contact the candidates in the waiting list.

## ***Program***

### **16. In what language will the program be conducted?**

English

**17. Am I expected to physically relocate to be part of this program?**

This program is completely virtual

**18. Do I need specific equipment to take online course?**

We expect participants to have access to a desktop or laptop computer and reliable internet connection for completing the course requisites.

**19. What would be the format of the course?**

The course will have a mix of pre-recorded lectures, live interactions, workshops, talks with successful founders, mentorship sessions and assignments which needs to be completed. In addition to this, the participants will get opportunity to get internships with startups in climate and cleantech space or get further support to work on their own business idea.

**20. Do I need to buy textbooks?**

All the reading materials you are required to access will be provided during the course. Instructors may provide recommended and suggested texts for further exploration.

**21. Are there going to be team assignments? Can they be completed virtually?**

Yes, we want to foster collaboration so that there is a greater shared learning across the cohort. The assignments will be designed in a format that will let you collaborate remotely.

**22. Do I get to choose the startup where I want to intern?**

Your profile will be shared with our startups. The final selection would be based on candidate's profile & preference as well as the need and selection criteria of the startup.

**23. I am already familiar with some of the content, can I skip them?**

While we strongly suggest that you don't miss any sessions as learning outcome will be better with interaction and collaboration, however you are free to choose as long as you are active for about 70 percent of the program.

**24. During the course duration, I will have wedding/reunion/exam to attend and would be on a long period of absence. Can I skip some parts of the program?**

While we strongly suggest that you don't miss any sessions as learning come more outcomes are better through interaction and collaboration, however you are free to choose as long as you are active for at least 70 percent of the program.

**25. Can I skip internship with a startup?**

If you have a business idea that you would want to work on during the last three months, you can skip interning with a startup and instead work on strengthening your own business plan.

**26. Whom should I reach out to in case of any other queries?**

For any further queries, please mail us at [info@womeninclimateentrepreneurship.org](mailto:info@womeninclimateentrepreneurship.org)