

What is YES?

The YES Conference, sponsored by [Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment](#), is for the students by the students. The primary goal is to bring together young researchers (graduate students and postdocs) who are interested in environmentally-driven interdisciplinary work. We hope to provide a platform for our attendees to forge collaborations, build their network, and think outside the box. The conference includes headshots, lunch, a keynote presentation from [SylviaTerra](#) founders Max Nova and Zack Parisa, research presentations, poster sessions, and a happy hour.

Why should I attend YES?

Sometimes, the most interesting research questions or answers come from left field-inspired places or from a different research area all together. YES is here to provide you that left field. Maybe you want to crowd source advice on a method that's outside your comfort zone. YES is a great opportunity to connect with peers, and find out what research resources there are on campus. Maybe you want to gain practice in public speaking, especially to an audience that isn't in your particular field. YES will give you a low-stress environment to hone your skills. Most importantly, YES wants to give you the space to find interdisciplinary research that inspires you. From microbiology to modeling to engineering to policy, the YES committee is looking for a spectrum of environmental research.

Do I have to present to attend?

No- you do not have to present a poster or give an oral presentation to attend.

When are abstracts due?

Abstracts are due October 25.

Is there a registration fee?

There is no registration fee.

Do I have to pay for the poster?

No you don't have to pay for the poster- YES will pay and print the poster for you.

Where is the conference venue?

The conference will be held at the Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center.

Are there awards and prizes?

There are awards for best oral presentation, best poster, and door prizes (raffles etc.).

I want to help organize! How can I get involved?

We'd love your help. You can email Margaret Daly (mad297@stanford.edu) or Hesam Hamledari (hesamh@stanford.edu) with the header YES Committee.