

Campus Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign Successes

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350.org maintains a database of successful divestment campaigns at gofossilfree.org. They classify commitments as “Fossil Free” (fully divested from the 200 corporations with the largest fossil fuel reserves), “Full”, “Partial”, “Coal and Tar Sands”, and “Coal only”. They also break down organizations by type, including governments, educational institutions, for profit corporations, NGOs, pension funds, philanthropic foundations, etc.¹ Laval University (listed as “Full”) is the only Canadian success listed as of February 2017, though a variety of Canadian churches and private foundations have divested.

In the United States, they list:

- Boston University (Coal and Tar Sands)
- Brevard College (Full)
- California Institute of the Arts (Full)
- Chico State University (Full)
- College of the Atlantic (Full)
- ESF College Foundation, Inc. (Full)
- Foothill-De Anza Community College Foundation (Full)
- George School (Coal Only)
- Georgetown University (Partial)

¹<https://gofossilfree.org/divestment-commitments-classifications/>

- Goddard College (Fossil Free)
- Green Mountain College (Full)
- Hampshire College (Full)
- Humboldt State University (Partial)
- Naropa University (Full)
- Peralta Community College District (Full)
- Pitzer College (Full)
- Prescott College (Partial)
- Rhode Island School of Design (Full)
- Salem State University (Full)
- San Francisco State University Foundation (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- Stanford University (Coal Only)
- Sterling College (Full)
- Syracuse University (Full)
- The New School (Full)
- Unity College (Full)
- University of Oregon Foundation (Full)
- University of California (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Dayton (Full)
- University of Hawaii (Full)
- University of Maine System (Coal Only)
- University of Maryland (Full)
- University of Massachusetts Foundation (Full)
- University of Washington (Coal Only)
- Warren Wilson College (Full)
- Western Oregon University (Partial)
- Yale University (Partial)

In the United Kingdom they list:

- Aston University (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- Birmingham City University (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- Bournemouth University (Full)
- Cardiff Metropolitan University (Full)
- Cranfield University (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- De Montfort University (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- Goldsmiths University of London (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- Heriot-Watt University (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- King's College London (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- London School of Economics (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (Coal Only)
- Manchester Metropolitan University (Full)
- Newcastle University (Full)
- Nottingham Trent University (Full)

- Oxford Brookes University (Full)
- Oxford University (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- Queen Margaret University (Full)
- Queen Mary University London (Full)
- SOAS, University of London (Full)
- Sheffield Hallam University (Fossil Free)
- University of Abertay Dundee (Full)
- University of Arts Bournemouth (Full)
- University of Bedfordshire (Full)
- University of Cambridge (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Edinburgh (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Glasgow (Full)
- University of Gloucestershire (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Greenwich (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Hertfordshire (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Kent (Full)
- University of Lincoln (Full)
- University of Portsmouth (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Sheffield (Full)
- University of Southampton (Full)
- University of St. Andrews (Full)
- University of Surrey (Full)
- University of Sussex (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Wales Trinity Saint David (Full)
- University of Warwick (Full)
- University of Westminster (Coal and Tar Sands Only)
- University of Worcester (Full)
- University of the Arts London (Full)
- University of the West of Scotland (Fossil Free)
- Wolfson College, Oxford (Coal and Tar Sands Only)

As of March 11th, 2017 the list did not include five recently announced divestment commitments: Barnard College and Columbia University, in New York City; the University of Bristol and King's College London in the U.K.; and the National University of Ireland in

Galway.^{2,3,4,5,6,7,8}

²McDonald, *Barnard College Endowment to Divest From Climate Change Deniers*.

³On the process at Barnard, see: Divest Barnard, *Can you hear us now?*

⁴Hill, *Columbia University Divests From Coal*.

⁵On the University of Bristol's website, they announced: "A key aim is to end investment in companies that derive more than five per cent of turnover from the extraction of thermal coal or oil and gas from tar sands by January 2018". University of Bristol, *University of Bristol announces new fossil fuel divestment and carbon reduction plans*.

⁶The Kings College decision was report as happening after "14 days of hunger strike by PhD student Roger Hallam" and a "24HR occupation of old Committee room". Presswood, *Kings College London has agreed to divest from fossil fuels*.

⁷King's College London, *Agreement between King's management and King's College Climate Emergency*.

⁸Galway Independent, *NUI Galway commits to Fossil Fuel Divestment*.