

GHGMI CAPSTONE ACADEMY 2027

Preliminary Agenda

March 15–17, 2027 · Confluence Center, 119 West Main Street, Missoula, Montana

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Subject to change

Before you arrive

Once registered, you will be asked to submit a brief, one-page summary of the real-world GHG management task you would like to work on while at the Academy. This summary will describe the goal, where you are stuck, and what input from others would help you most. The summary doesn't need to be perfect; each participant will meet with a workshop instructor before arrival to help you refine the task for workshop purposes. We will use these summaries to form peer-to-peer workshop groups.

Once you arrive

The Academy includes three days of cooperative and applied learning sessions, peer-to-peer review, field visits, writing sessions, participant presentations, and networking. Travel days are Sunday, March 14, and Thursday, March 18. The program requires full participation.

What can you expect to experience while you're in Montana? Winter is a wonderful time to workshop. Here's a preview of what each day will include.

Sunday, March 14 — Arrivals and welcome reception

Monday, March 15 — Framing the work

Morning	WELCOME Participant introductions and the academy theme: From Disclosure to Delivery, leading across boundaries in GHG management.
Late morning	LECTURE Why GHG programs succeed or stall, and the human factors behind inventories, targets, and supplier and investor engagement.
Lunch	Local lunch at the Confluence Center
Afternoon	PEER WORKSHOP 1 In small groups, each participant describes their task; peers ask guided clarifying questions and build a shared sense of their key obstacles. HOMEWORK Workshop assignments (individual)
Late afternoon	**Faculty office hours:** One-on-one expert guidance Walking break along the Clark Fork River
Evening	FIELD TRIP **Solar installation.** Site visit to a municipal solar installation, guest speaker, project development, community and stakeholder engagement, and how renewable generation is reflected in sub-national, Scope 2, GHG accounting. On your own for dinner with recommendations from workshop hosts.

Tuesday, March 16 Advanced topics

Morning	LECTURE How to frame GHG management in terms of risk, cost, and value.
Late morning	PEER WORKSHOP 2 Small groups, problem-solving HOMEWORK Writing assignment (individual)
Lunch	Lunch on site or in transit
Afternoon	FIELD TRIP **Wastewater management facility and reforestation carbon project.** Process emissions (methane and nitrous oxide), measurement and estimation methods, and how public utilities build support for emissions-reduction investment.
Late afternoon	LECTURE How to measure and make multi-statement climate claims. **Discussion:** What did the field sites teach us about our own work?
Evening	Group dinner

Wednesday, March 17 Refining and sharing

Morning	LECTURE Building institutional arrangements and coalitions for GHG reductions across departments, supply chains, and/or competitors.
Late morning	PEER WORKSHOP 3 Participants revise their approach using peer feedback, field-trip insights, and lecture content.
Lunch	Working lunch
Afternoon	**Participant presentations:** Each participant gives a 3-minute presentation on their task, key insight, and next step.
Late afternoon	Closing circle, commitments, and farewell

Thursday, March 18 Departures and winter in Montana sightseeing (optional, no host)

Skiing
Missoula Snowbowl

Museums
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Missoula Art Museum, Fort Missoula

Distillery and brew pub tour
Montgomery Distillery and Kettle House Brewing

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