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Global Futures: **Now**

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Workforce ready



Congratulations, graduates! 🎓

We are proud of the more than 200 Sun Devils who received a degree from the Rob Walton College of Global Futures this fall. Our students are united by a common purpose to address the urgent issues facing our world, and these graduates are well-equipped to enter the workforce and drive impact toward a healthy, thriving future.

[Get to know our grads](#)

Awards



Global Futures projects, staff recognized at the 2025 ASU President's Awards

ASU faculty and staff are driving real-world impact through innovative, collaborative projects. This year's President's Award honors standout achievements, including SolarSPELL and the Walton Sustainability Teachers Academy from the Global Futures Laboratory.

[Read about the winners](#)

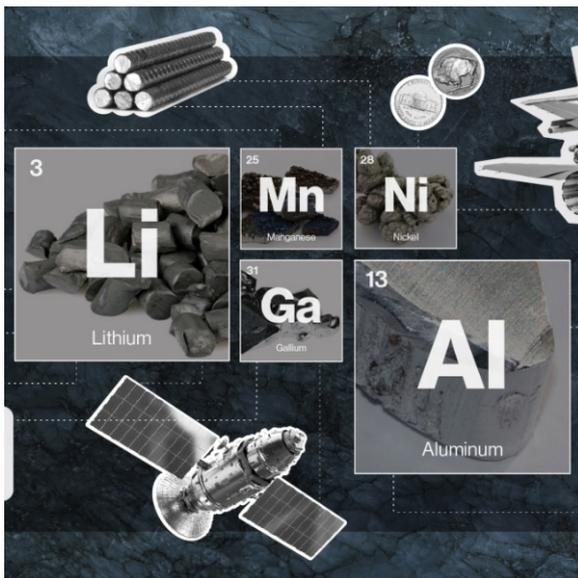
New findings



Transforming increasingly complex Earth systems during times of accelerating global change

The latest article by Peter Schlosser showcases the Global Futures Laboratory as a prototype for a university for the future of the planet, a reimagining of academia's role in creating a more resilient world in the face of complexity and change.

[Read the article](#)



ASU researchers develop new technologies to increase U.S. critical minerals

New federal initiatives seek to increase domestic supplies of critical minerals and reduce dependence on foreign sources. Arizona State University researchers are advancing responsible exploration, mining, recovery, recycling and supply chain innovations to support these goals.

[Read more on ASU News](#)

Recent happenings



Did you miss the conversation?

A crowd-drawing Global Futures Conversation featured a panel of ASU experts who discussed the key elements of comprehensive conservation and more resilience in the face of a changing environment.

[Listen to the conversation](#)

Our impact



Students aid city in planning for an environmental future

In partnership with the Sustainability Cities Network, ASU students proposed the Tolleson Aging in Community Action Plan, designed to support the community's aging population through inclusive housing, expanded transit, improved green spaces and more.

[Read more on ASU News](#)



Lessons on maintaining your humanity in the world of AI

A collaboration between an ASU professor, a Thunderbird School of Global Management alumnus and an AI chatbot, "AI and the Art of Being Human" offers a practical guide to for navigating the age of artificial intelligence.

[Read more on ASU News](#)

Upcoming events

Third International Atmospheric Water Harvesting Summit

Hosted by the Global Center for Water Technology

Jan. 15 | in-person | 8 a.m.

Jan. 16 | in-person | 8.a.m.

Memorial Union | Arizona State University

301 E. Orange St., Tempe AZ 85281

[Register](#)



Save the Date: Transforming Water West

Hosted by the ASU Water Institute

March 20 | in-person | time TBD

Walton Center for Planetary Health |
Arizona State University

777 E. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281

More details to come



Publications



Global Futures: Futurecast | Fall 2025

Our latest edition of Futurecast tackles the steps necessary for transformative action in a complex, rapidly changing world. Explore the future of ocean stability, understand what it takes to decode a genome, learn about the 10 latest insights in climate science and more.

[Read Futurecast Vol. 8](#)

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