



# UW SUSTAINABILITY

*A quarterly newsletter produced by the University of Washington Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability office*

### Special Interest Articles:

- Green Seed Fund
- #sustainableUW Challenge
- A Climate of Change

## UW Sustainability Summit, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please join us as we celebrate the UW's environmental leadership and accomplishments at this year's [Sustainability Summit](#) on October 23<sup>rd</sup>!

This year's Summit, themed "A Climate of Change," reflects the University's culture of sustainable thinking, research and education.

Visit exhibitors and sample sustainable

snacks in Red Square. Learn how to fund your sustainability project idea at the CSF Poster session.

Join the climate change discussion panel with Deans Sandra Archibald (Public Affairs), Lisa Graumlich (Environment), and Kellye Testy (Law), and the reception that follows; and much more!

See the Summit webpage above for activity times. See you there!



## CSF Activity, Courses, & Openings

Fall Quarter brings excitement and activity to the Campus Sustainability Fund.

Since the summer, the fund has hired two additional students: Outreach Coordinator An Huynh, a student in Community, Environment & Planning; and CSF Practicum Coordinator Patrick Bridegam, a graduate student in Forestry and Public affairs and former committee member.

An has been busy presenting on the CSF to classes and RSOs, hosting an information table at Dawg Daze and the UW Sustainability Summit, and meeting about approved projects to develop outreach action plans.

Patrick will develop curriculum for a practicum course on how to create an effective CSF proposal, as well as broader grant-writing skills. The CSF hopes to launch the course during Winter 2014.

Meanwhile, we are actively recruiting committee members for the 2013-2014 school year and look forward to receiving our first Letters of Intent in November. Look for new [CSF projects](#) on campus soon!



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Challenge yourself to commute by bike as often as you can, join a team, win cool prizes!  
[Learn more!](#)



## Introducing the Green Seed Fund

The University of Washington has created a Green Seed Fund, a grant opportunity for sustainability-focused research projects.

Newly-established by President Young and Provost Cauce, the Fund will engage the UW community in research that advances

sustainability on campus and beyond.

Successful grant proposals will use the campus as a living, learning laboratory and help the UW find solutions to the most pressing environmental issues.

The Fund will be formally announced during the

Sustainability Summit October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Links and more information are available here: <http://green.washington.edu/green-seed-fund>.

## New Resources: Map & Commuter Profile

### Sustainability Map

Have you seen the full scope of sustainability at UW?

The new [UW Sustainability Map](#) shows locations of over 25 types of sustainability resources, including green roofs, bike repair stations, LEED Buildings and more!

It's a central source for identifying where and how

the UW is making an impact in its mission to be a sustainable campus.

### Commuter Calculator

We all get to campus somehow – whether by walking, biking, busing or driving. Is your method the most cost effective? Do you wish you could burn more calories during your commute? What is the Carbon impact of your commute?

The new [Commuter Calculator](#) can help you determine the best way for you to get to campus with the least impact on the environment and your wallet, and the best impact on your body.

## #sustainableUW Social Media Challenge

It's simple: see sustainability, snap a photo, tag it, post it!

We challenge you to look for sustainability actions on campus that you or others are doing, and take a photo.

Post your photos on Instagram, Facebook,

Twitter, and other social channels using the hashtag [#sustainableUW](#) to be a part of the competition!

See what others are posting on Tagboard and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what's posted each day.

Then, join us to celebrate on October 23rd in the HUB games area from 7-9pm for free games, refreshments, and prizes!

## A Climate of Change

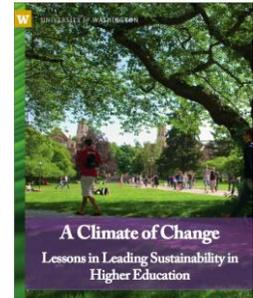
The University of Washington is tackling some of our world's most complex sustainability issues.

To understand our impact, we recently published a collection of articles, [A Climate of Change: Lessons in Sustainability for Higher Education](#). This collection features University of Washington leaders sharing their

thoughts and encouragement for advancing sustainability in higher education.

We also scoured the University seeking examples of sustainability efforts in the areas of research, teaching, co-curricular programs, and campus operations. These efforts come to life in the new UWTV video series "Climate of Change"

showcasing how sustainability is in our nature at the UW. Come see a sneak peak of this series at the UW Sustainability Summit, then check it out on UWTV, Comcast channel 27, Sundays at 9:30 PM (PST).



## Green Labs & Offices

Over the last few months, 4 new offices and 5 new laboratories have been certified for the first time, as well as 4 offices and 1 laboratory have been recertified.

### Green Offices

Congratulations to the School of Marine & Environmental Affairs and the Office of the President for achieving Silver Certification. Also to Community, Environment, & Planning and the 2104 House and Hansee Hall

Residential Life Office for achieving Bronze Certification.

Congratulations to Grounds Management (Gold), HFS Facilities Office (Gold), Center for Urban Waters (improved to Gold), and Center for Sensorimotor Neural Engineering (Bronze) who each renewed their Certifications.

### Green Laboratories

Congratulations to the Baker Lab (at UWT

Center for Urban Waters), the Cline Lab, and the Physics Instrument Shop for achieving Gold Certification.

Congratulations to the Lidstrom Lab and Geoarchaeology Lab for achieving Silver Certification, and to the Miller Lab (at South Lake Union) for achieving Bronze Certification.

### Green Lab Supplier Fair

Health Sciences Lobby  
October 21<sup>st</sup>  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

[Learn more](#)



## UW Sustainability Awards

### Green Honor Roll Status

UW has again been named to the Princeton Review's Green Honor Roll, receiving a perfect score! This is the 5th year UW has received this distinction! The UW is among 22 institutions to receive this honor of the 832 institutions reviewed.

### Ranked #12 on Sierra "Greenest Colleges"

Sierra Magazine named UW the 12th on their Greenest Colleges list! A total of 162 institutions were also ranked to complete the list.

### BizCycle Silver

Cascade Bicycle Club certified UW at Silver on its BizCycle certification system, rating how well businesses support bicycling. The UW earned this certification with a final score of 31 of 50 possible credits.

Check out more UW Sustainability Awards at <http://green.washington.edu/awards>.



## Sustainability Snapshot of the Quarter

### Restroom Paper Towel Composting

After a successful pilot project, restroom paper towel composting is rolling out across campus!

UW Recycling, UW Custodial Services, UW Libraries staff, and UW

EcoReps collaborated to experiment with diverting paper towels from the garbage into the compost.

After the 3-month pilot period, more than one ton of waste was diverted from the landfill from just 63 restrooms.

Implementing this across campus could help us meet our campus goal of 70% waste diversion by 2020. Read more about this project in [Sustainability Snapshots!](#)

## Starbucks® now being served on Campus!

Have you noticed the change in coffee provider on campus? Are you wondering where to put your used Starbucks® cups? The hot drink cups, lids and sleeves are compostable. The cold drink cups and lids are

recyclable. Straws, however, go in the garbage.

UW Recycling and Housing & Food Services are working with Starbucks® to keep a majority of our coffee

waste stream out of the landfill. You can help the UW meet its 70% waste diversion goal just by placing your coffee cup in the right bin!

## Upcoming Events

### The Challenge of Sustainability and the Promise of Mathematics

October 11, 2:30 – 3:30 pm  
Kane Hall, Room 210  
Simon Levin (Princeton).  
Learn [more](#).

### Climate Change & The Bottom Line

October 31, 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Dempsey Hall, Anthony's Forum  
Registration required.  
Learn [more](#).

### EcoReps Meeting

Fridays 3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Savery Hall 157  
Encourage sustainable behavior through peer to peer outreach. Learn [more](#).

### Earth, Wind and Fire: Deploying Emerging Energy Technologies

October 15, 4:30 – 5:30 pm  
PACCAR Hall, Room 394  
Peter Christiansen, PNNL.  
Learn [more](#).

### Environmental Imagination at the Crossroads

October 31, 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Kane Hall, Room 110  
2013 Graduate School Public Lecture: Lawrence Buell. Learn [more](#).

View more events at <http://green.washington.edu/promote/events>.



### Submit a story...

**Students** – come to us for resources related to sustainability, share your events with us, or submit a story idea on what you'd like to see in our newsletter.

**UW Departments** – submit updates or stories to this newsletter about what your unit is doing to make UW more sustainable.

**Everyone** – let us know about other sustainability events or projects on campus, send an email to [oess@uw.edu](mailto:oess@uw.edu).

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