

UW SUSTAINABILITY

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Climate of Change

UW's [Climate of Change](#) video series is now online! This four-part series is an exciting showcase of the UW's sustainability efforts in the areas of research, teaching, co-curricular programs, and campus operations.

Discover how the UW has become a catalyst for environmental change; learn how students develop sustainable strategies; see how the UW addresses

sustainability in its operations; and witness how research takes sustainability to new heights.

Topics covered in the series include soil, wetlands, forests, green buildings, green products, and much more!

The series is a must-see for anyone passionate about environmental sustainability, and it's an eye-opening journey for all others.

You can see the episodes on UWTV Channel 27 and on our YouTube [playlist](#).



Campus Sustainability Fund Update

Winter 2014 is an exciting quarter for the CSF! The committee is looking forward to reviewing the first round of full proposals at the end of January, and project presentations are soon to follow in early February.

The first ever CSF Grant Proposal Practicum, taught by 2012-2013 CSF committee member

Patrick Bridegam, is underway with a group of 24 students from an eclectic mix of academic interests. Students in the class will develop grant-writing skills as well as build important connections across campus and explore project-based ideas that address environmental sustainability.

The second wave of project applications are also scheduled for this winter, with Letters of Intent due Friday, March 7 and full proposals due Friday, April 18.



CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY FUND

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UW Co-hosts Sustainability Conference



The University of Washington is proud to co-host the inaugural Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference on February 6th and 7th at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

The conference will allow faculty, staff and students to explore ways of advancing campus sustainability through the sharing of best practices,

presentation of creative solutions to common challenges, and the development of regional collaborative networks. Attendees will gain new ideas, analyze sustainability management programs, build relationships, share transferable lessons with peers, and endeavor to form a more united coalition to support key statewide sustainability

approaches, goals and policy initiatives.

UW will have 11 presenters on a variety of topics ranging from smart grid technologies to transportation planning.

Registration information and details on the conference program can be found online: www.wahesc.org.

Husky Green Awards



It's time to submit your nominations for the 2014 Husky Green Awards! These awards recognize leadership, dedication and initiative to environmental sustainability in the UW community.

Take this opportunity to acknowledge the

remarkable actions and achievements of your peers that make our UW campuses and culture more sustainable.

All nominations must be submitted by March 10, 2014. Winners will be announced at the UW

Earth Day Celebration in April.

Submit your nomination and see past winners online:

<http://green.washington.edu/hga>.

Tivoli Endpoint Manager Decommissioning



Effective March 31, 2014, the UW will no longer offer or support the IBM Tivoli Endpoint Manager (TEM) product for power and patch management of UW computers. The TEM pilot program began in January 2012 and the tool was deployed to more than 3,500 UW machines. The data collected during the pilot period has led to the conclusion that TEM was not the best fit for

UW's current environment. UW will continue to look for other programs and tools to help with management of power usage and security.

The Project Team thanks the many users who tested, piloted and used TEM. Your participation was critical to the success of this project.

Users or groups with the IBM/TEM agent deployed should remove the

software from their systems as soon as convenient. The hard deadline is March 31. Users with support groups (such as Nebula) will receive information and assistance from those groups.

For more information, please visit:

<http://green.washington.edu/computing>.

Best Practices for Sustainable Laboratories Workshop

The University of Washington Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences Continuing Education Program is offering a one-day professional development course on best "green" practices for laboratories, March 25, 2014 at the King Street Center.

Attendees will learn about the latest assessment tools for safer chemistry, strategies for reducing laboratory waste, options for green purchasing and more.

The program will also highlight UW's Green Laboratory Certification program and offer

participants a chance to learn from UW's green practices.

Registration and program details can be found online:

<https://osha.washington.edu/coursedetail.cfm?courseid=3170>.

Green Certifications

Green Laboratories

The first-ever College of the Environment Green Laboratory competition took place in Autumn 2013. The DeLuca Lab took the grand prize, earning Gold with an overall score of 94%. Five laboratories competed for this title of "Greenest Lab." Thank you to all of the participating labs and the College of the Environment for making the competition a success!

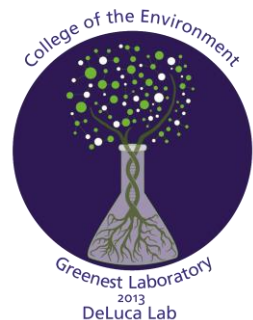
In addition to the DeLuca Lab achieving Gold certification last quarter, the Wetland Ecosystem Lab and the Electron Microprobe Facility achieved Silver certification, and the Huntington Lab and the UW Nanofabrication Facility achieved Bronze certification.

Green Offices

The winners of the annual Green Office Competition will be announced at UW's

Earth Day celebration. Apply by March 7 to compete for the "Greenest Office" award.

Three offices achieved Green Office Certification last quarter. McCarty Hall Residential Life office achieved Silver certification, the Libraries Financial Services office achieved Bronze, and the Experiential Learning and Diversity office also achieved Bronze certification.



UW Sustainability Leadership

Green Washington Award

The University of Washington received the Silver Award in the Academia category of the Washington Green 50 Awards. This is the third time UW has been recognized in the Washington Green 50 by Seattle Business Magazine.

Energy Star Certification

The UW Tower Data Center is one of just 27 data centers in the country to have earned a 2013 Energy Star Certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This recognizes reduced power consumption, lowered carbon footprint, and slower growth of future power needs.

UW Among Top 10% of Universities Worldwide

In a sustainability ranking performed by the Universitas Indonesia (UI), the UI Greenmetric report lists the UW as 28th out of 301 universities from 61 countries.

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



Green Seed Fund Update

The newly-established Green Seed Fund received 15 proposals for projects that will help the UW achieve its sustainability goals, totaling over \$950,000 in requests.

The Green Seed Fund Committee, consisting of UW faculty, students and staff, has reviewed the proposals and is in the process of notifying teams.

Keep an eye on the Green Seed Fund webpage for an update on the 2014 successful proposals: <http://green.washington.edu/green-seed-fund>.

EcoReps Partners with Greek Community to Deliver Recycle and Compost Bins



EcoReps delivered 151 23-gallon bins to 28 Greek houses lacking recycling and composting infrastructure. In addition to providing houses with blue recycling and green compost bins (market

value of each bin is \$60), EcoReps clearly labeled each bin, and distributed messaging and posters alerting chapter members of the new bins and how to properly use them.

EcoReps was able to provide these bins to the Greek community through collaboration with Seattle Public Utilities' Friends of Recycling and Composting (FORC) program.

Upcoming Events

RecycleMania Competition

February 2-March 29, 2014
UW Seattle Campus
National challenge to reduce waste while competing against other universities. Learn [more](#).

Civil & Environmental Engineering Career Fair

January 29, 2014, 1-4pm
South Ballroom, HUB
The CEE Career Fair attracts hundreds of students from within the College of Engineering. Learn [more](#).

Submit a story...

Students – contact us for resources related to sustainability, share your events, or submit a story idea for our newsletter.

Future of Ice Lecture Series

January 16-March 11, 2014
Kane Hall, Room 120/130
Six-part lecture series from the College of the Environment. Learn [more](#).

Ocean Change: Proactive Approaches

January 15-March 12, 2014
Fisheries 102
UW IGERT Program on Ocean Change, winter seminar series. Learn [more](#).

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

Department of Hometown Security: Majara Carter Lecture

January 22, 2014, 6:30pm
Kane Hall, Room 110
Explores the connection between re-urbanizing society and how we experience the "environment". Learn [more](#).

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



Everyone – let us know about other sustainability events or projects on campus, send an email to oess@uw.edu.

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