

SUSTAINABILITY

UPDATE

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES, STEWARDING RESOURCES, AND DISCOVERING SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

ENGAGE

A **UVA Sustainability Summit**, held in the Rotunda Dome Room, featured flash talks by 20 faculty members and highlighted UVA's leading global research and opportunities to use the Grounds as a living laboratory.

UVA's Career Center is responding to student interest in more resources for **sustainability-related careers**, with a DC Sustainability Reception, events on careers in sustainable food, a sustainability careers webpage, and a sustainability careers newsletter.

Sustainability sessions were incorporated into Orientation Leader & Resident Assistant training. **New Green Living Program** and **Green CIO & Course Guides** were developed.

UVA Sustainability partnered with the Food Collaborative, UVA Dining, the Charlottesville Food Justice Network, and others in a **Food Film Forum**. Panelists reflected on work to expand local food access.

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education named UVA as a **Top Performer in Diversity and Affordability** in their 2017 Sustainable Campus Index.

DISCOVER

UVA's nitrogen footprint team received a prestigious **Campus Sustainability Research Award** from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability for "The Nitrogen Footprint Tool Network: A Multi-Institution Program to Research and Reduce Nitrogen Pollution."

Six new sustainability-related courses in six different departments are being offered in Spring 2018 thanks to **Course Development Fellowships** made possible by Sustainability Plan funding. Courses include Smart Cities, The Ethics of Food, and Corporate Resilience.

Eight Research Development Grant recipients (Sustainability Plan funding) presented and discussed their findings at a **"Grounds as a Living Lab" Sustainability Symposium** at the Colonnade Club during UVA Sustainability Days.

UVA Environmental Sciences completed the **first institutional indirect water footprint analysis**, published in Sustainability: The Journal of Record - "Virtual Water as a Metric for Institutional Sustainability." (Natyzak, Castner, D'Odorico, Galloway)

STEWARD

The **Rotunda achieved LEED Silver** certification. Sustainability highlights include an efficient HVAC system, tighter window sealing, LED lighting, and a high construction waste diversion rate. Other recent LEED certifications: **Skipwith Hall - LEED Gold** and **Education Resource Center - LEED Silver**

UVA was listed in the **2017 Princeton Review Green Schools** and **Sierra Club Cool Schools** lists.

The **UVA Renewable Energy Tracker**, a tool to help students, faculty, staff and the community stay up to date on the University's progress towards a robust renewable energy portfolio, is now live. Real-time data for UVA's rooftop solar can be viewed here:

<https://renewableenergy.fm.virginia.edu>

The Green Labs program was awarded an **Honorable Mention in the inaugural North American Freezer Challenge**. The program also conducted UVA's first **Shut the Sash competition** to incentivize safe, smart, and sustainable practices when using fume hoods.

UVA Dining earned **Green Restaurant Association 3-Star Certification** for the Fresh Food Company and the O'Hill Dining Room.

The UVA Health System was awarded a **Healthy Community Leader Award** by the Local Food Hub.