

Sustainability Leadership Award 2023

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Nomination Deadline Feb. 16



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**2022 Sustainability
Leadership Award**



Award Overview

- Launched in 2017
- Held during Earth Week as part of annual UVA SustainaBanquet hosted by Student Council Sustainability Committee and Committee on Sustainability
- Recognized sustainability milestones and champions
- Re-launched in 2022 after hiatus
- Received ≈ 80 nominations last year over four categories
- Award Selection Committee includes faculty, staff, students and community members.

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Award Details

- Award honors members of UVA community and beyond who exhibit commitment to UVA's [sustainability goals](#), and advance strategic initiatives relevant to [2030 Sustainability Plan](#).
- Winners exemplify innovation and passion in work related to any of Plan's domains of engagement, stewardship, discovery, and governance and collaboration.
- Award goes to up to one student, one faculty, and one staff member, as well as a Commonwealth of Virginia resident (teacher, high school student, UVA alumna) with a celebration, commemorative plaque/gift, and monetary prize of \$1000 per recipient.
- Self and group nominations are welcome!

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Submission Requirements

- 500-word (max) overview of project/initiative and outcomes via Google form
- Link to or upload photos, articles, letters of support or other media

2023 Sustainability Leadership Award Nomination Form

The 2023 Sustainability Leadership Award honors those who exhibit an overall commitment to advancing sustainability in accordance with the UVA 2030 Sustainability Plan and/or local/regional sustainability strategies. Winners of the Award will exemplify innovation and passion in work related to community engagement, environmental conservation and stewardship, academic discovery, advances in governance or policy, or collaboration across entities.

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Selection Criteria

- Advances the [2030 Sustainability Plan](#) (except for community members)
- Demonstrates collaboration (e.g. working with diverse departments, functions and/or organizations)
- Builds inclusivity and equity into approach and impacts (e.g. considers outcomes for diverse stakeholders and communities)
- Maximizes available resources for project(s)
- Shows creativity and innovation in approaching sustainability challenges
- Demonstrates consistent commitment to UVA sustainability goals (except for community members)
- Effectively meets intended goal(s) and communicates impacts broadly

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Example (individual)

“...His contributions have been invaluable:

- Helped improve communications with sustainability-interested clinicians
- Presented to numerous departments about the role clinicians can play in sustainability
- Initiated strategic planning conversations with top-level leaders, including very robust recommendations for sustainability
- Made the case for joining Practice Greenhealth, an organization whose best-practices we can now access...”

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Example (Group)

“...We believe we are a strong candidate for this award because our work reflects a sustained commitment to actualizing a vision for a more sustainable future. For us, this vision revolves around achieving environmental justice by addressing the connections between legacies of colonialism, capitalism, and racism and contemporary local and global environmental crises while also recalibrating our relationships to land and the environment. While we do predominantly organize events specifically for UVA students, we have also made a concerted effort to attend events organized by Charlottesville/Albemarle community members and maintain connections with the broader community beyond UVA...”

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Timeline and Important Dates

- 16 February, 5pm ET: Submit nomination via Google form
- 15 March: Winners will be notified
- April: Award celebration event

In what Award area does this project fit? (Select all that apply.) *

- ☐ Engagement - Fostering sustainability awareness, literacy or action
- ☐ Stewardship - Ensuring the sustainability of the built and/or natural environment
- ☐ Discovery - Fostering critical thinking and innovative solutions to local and/or global sustainability challenges through teaching or research
- ☐ Governance and Collaboration - Incorporating sustainability into University or community leadership decisionmaking and collaboration strategies
- ☐ Other: _____

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