

Spring 2019 Sustainability Research Development Grants

The University of Virginia Committee on Sustainability (CoS) announces the sixth round of research development grants enabling UVA faculty to advance sustainability-related research and to help meet the goals in the UVA Sustainability Plan. Proposals should specify how the effectiveness of the project will be rigorously evaluated and describe the potential for academic publication. Projects with a local focus are encouraged to consider whether their project can link to the Grounds as a Living Lab goal of UVA's Sustainability Plan. Projects with a broader focus (regional, national, or global) should show how the project contributes to improved environmental quality outcomes.

Any project that, upon completion, leads to enhanced sustainability practices at UVA or improved environmental outcomes more broadly would be appropriate. Areas of special interest given in the [UVA Sustainability Plan 2016-2020](#) include:

Energy and Emissions	Food
Water	Materials and Waste
Land and Building Use	Investments and Governance
Outreach and Engagement	Equity and Wellness

Eligibility: The principle investigator may be any full-time faculty member from any UVA school or department and any academic rank who will be at UVA for the next three years. Faculty may partner to submit a single proposal and split the funding.

Funds: The \$8,000 award will be paid as a research stipend to be used prior to January 2020. Multiple grants will be awarded. Awardees will be eligible to apply for follow-on funding in future cycles.

Expectations:

- It is expected that applicants will prioritize projects that have the following attributes:
 - Projects that could have a potential to lead to partial attainment of UVA's stated goals for sustainability
 - Projects that include citizen researchers (student involvement)
 - Projects that enhance evidence-based sustainability decision making
- Awardees will be expected to submit a brief project report (1-2 pages) on initial results in late 2019.

Application materials:

- Proposal (1-2 pages)
 - Title of project
 - Brief description of the proposed new or existing research
 - Brief description of how research relates to UVA's stated goals in the Sustainability Plan and/or improved environmental outcomes more globally
 - Intended avenues for publication (specific journals, etc.)
 - Brief budget outline
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae (no longer than three pages)

Combine all application materials [into a single .pdf file](#) and email to Dana Schroeder, ds8nh@virginia.edu

Selection process: Review by the Sustainability Teaching & Research Subcommittee

Application deadline: 11:59pm on Monday, April 22, 2019

Announcement of grant recipients: By May 22, 2019