



Sustainability Ambassadors

Program Overview & Resources

Office of Sustainability



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Program Overview

As the nation's oldest, and one of the most respected, institutions dedicated to the study of the environment and to building a sustainable future, the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) strives to reduce the environmental impact of all campus operations. The College's mission is to advance knowledge and skills and to promote the leadership necessary for the stewardship of both the natural and designed environments.

The Office of Sustainability believes that campus-wide change occurs through collaboration and communication. The goal of the Sustainability Ambassadors program closely aligns with the College's mission by supporting the facilitation of sustainable practices through peer education and collective action.

Sustainability Ambassadors are **paid** staff and faculty members who advocate for sustainability in everyday practices and decisions within their home department, division or office during academic semesters.

Ambassadors are expected to commit 5 hours per month to fulfilling the following responsibilities.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending monthly meetings with other Ambassadors and Office of Sustainability staff
- Disseminating sustainability messages and information throughout their home department, division or office
- Encouraging participation in sustainability initiatives and programming
- Facilitating attainment of sustainability certifications for their home department, division or office
- Assisting in brainstorming new sustainability programming at ESF
- Submitting a monthly summary of work

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Becoming a Sustainability Ambassador

If you wish to serve as your department, division or office's Sustainability Ambassador, please tell your supervisor! If they are not your unit head, your supervisor will submit your name to that individual. If more than one individual in your department, division or office is interested in serving as the Ambassador, please work collaboratively with your colleagues to determine who will serve this role initially. Your department, division or office should submit one name to the Office of Sustainability, via [email](#). After receiving approval, Ambassadors are **required to attend an on-boarding meeting**.

You can become an Ambassador regardless of your bargaining unit.

UUP and Research Foundation Ambassadors will be awarded "also receives" pay for their work in the amount of \$500 per academic year. Office of Sustainability staff will work with individual supervisors of CSEA Ambassadors to determine the feasibility of offering overtime to perform this role. This will ensure that CSEA Ambassadors are paid for their sustainability work!

After training is complete, Ambassadors are **required to attend monthly meetings** to discuss upcoming sustainability programming and the monthly topic(s), which Ambassadors will then communicate to members of their home department, division or office. Monthly meetings will also serve as an opportunity to connect with other Ambassadors, find opportunities for cross-campus collaboration, share insights, and discuss challenges.

Ambassadors will primarily be responsible for communicating sustainability information to members of their home department, division or office each week. Ambassadors will have the creative freedom to engage their colleagues as they see fit.

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Monthly topics may include:

- Practicing sustainability on campus
- ESF's AASHE STARS Platinum [ranking](#)
- [Sustainable materials management](#) (i.e. [trash](#), [recycling](#), [compost](#) guidelines)
- ESF's [Clean Energy Master Plan](#)
- ESF's [Zero Waste Goals](#)
- [Green Purchasing Guide](#) (Linked: Edition 1.2, April 2022)
- [Mighty Oak Energy Dashboard](#) (powered by Atrius)
- ESF's [Virtual Sustainability Tour](#)
- Green Office Certification program (coming Fall 2022)
- Green Lab Certification program (coming Fall 2022)
- Sustainable Events Certification program (coming Fall 2022)
- [Bee Campus USA](#)
- Reusable Plate Program
- Reusable Take-Out Containers
- [Electric Vehicle Charging Stations](#)
- Combined-Heat-and-Power Plant and Solar Arrays
- LEED Certified Buildings
- Green Roofs
- Rain Gardens and Permeable Pavement
- Living zero- and low-waste at home
- *and more!*

Departments, Division and Offices

- Adirondack Ecological Center & Adirondack Information Center
- Department of Chemical Engineering
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Environmental Biology
- Department of Environmental Resources Engineering
- Department of Environmental Studies
- Department of Landscape Architecture
- Department of Sustainable Resources Management
- Division of Environmental Science
- Division of Student Affairs
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Forest Properties
- Information Systems
- Moon Library
- Office of Alumni Relations
- Office of Business Affairs
- Office of Communications & Marketing
- Office of Development
- Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Office of Human Resources
- Office of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity
- Office of Instruction & Graduate Studies
- Office of Research Programs
- Office of Sustainable Facilities & Operations
- Office of the President
- Office of the Registrar
- Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- Open Academy
- Ranger School
- Thousand Islands Biological Center
- University Police Department

Is your home department, division or office missing? [Let us know!](#)

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Connect with us!

You can learn more about Sustainability at ESF through the Office of Sustainability [webpage](#) or by following us on social media! Stay up to date on Sustainability Events by checking [ESF Engage](#).



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