



PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY

ELIGIBILITY

The President's Award for Sustainability recognizes ASU faculty and staff who have worked as departmental, interdepartmental, or transdisciplinary teams that have demonstrated excellence in fostering sustainability at Arizona State University. This award recognizes the development, implementation, and promotion of sustainability principles, solutions, programs, and services at ASU.

Sustainability is the simple idea that, as human beings, we place a high value on our own quality of life and that of future generations. It is a balancing of social, economic and environmental values in the way we engage in the world around us. To be sustainable, our actions must reflect what is important to us – qualities such as clean air, clean water, health, security and prosperity.

At Arizona State University, we believe that the advancement of society is compatible with environmental stewardship. Recognizing that reaching our true potential as an institution is directly linked to realizing the potential of society at large, we imagine the possibilities for positive societal change and are making real investments in that future now. ASU's sustainability vision is for a program that integrates across the research and education missions of the University, as well as in the way we operate the campuses and engage the internal and external community.

Projects/programs may be related to one or more of the following:

- 1. Use-Inspired Research**
Interactive collaboration of University research initiatives and their internal and external partners to address and solve environmental, economic, and societal challenges of sustainability.
- 2. Teaching and Learning**
The involvement of faculty, staff, and students in solving sustainability problems.
- 3. Community Outreach**
The connection of researchers and practitioners in business, industry, and government in planning for sustainability challenges of urban growth, environmental protection, resource management, and social and economic development.
- 4. Campus Operations**
The development of University business practices and policies that promote and enhance the achievement of the following sustainability goals. (The project or program can address one or more of the following Campus Operation's sustainability goals.)
 - **Carbon Neutrality** | Achieving net zero carbon emissions related to purchased/generated electricity, transportation, solid waste, and the use of refrigerants and fertilizer.
 - **Zero Waste** | Zero solid and water waste.
 - **Principled Practice** | Consideration of sustainability and social justice when deploying policies, programs, and practices to campus operations.
 - **Active Engagement** | Engaging the over 80,000 potential change agents at ASU.

IMPORTANT DATES

WRITER'S BRIEFING

November 19, 2009 | 10-11:30am

December 9, 2009 | 10-11:30am

Tempe campus

REGISTER

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Please register at least three days prior to the session

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Jan. 14, 2010

AWARD RECIPIENTS NOTIFIED March

11, 2010

PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION

RECEPTION

April 2010

SUBMISSION INFO

DEADLINE

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, 5pm

Submit the **complete application, Forms 1 & 2**, and **abstract** as one document in an e-mail attachment to:

Linda Uhley | linda.uhley@asu.edu

QUESTIONS?

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AWARD CRITERIA

The project or program must address one or more of the sustainable actions listed above, and the methods and results must be defined, measureable, and documented. The Award Criteria are outlined in Form 3, and the criteria will help you determine if your project/program qualifies for this award. The sustainability project or program must have been implemented within the four years prior to the closing date for this year's award.

APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS

A complete application packet is needed to qualify for the award.

1. The application must contain a complete description of the project/program and the results in seven or fewer typewritten pages in font 10 or larger, single-spaced, including all charts and graphs.
2. Submit the contact information and team roster (Forms 1 and 2).
3. On a separate page, write an abstract of 180 words or less that summarizes the project. This will be used for promotional purposes and will not be counted as part of the seven-page application.

SELECTION PROCESS

Recipients of the President's Award for Sustainability will be determined by a review group appointed by the President. There may be multiple recipients of this award.

RESOURCES RELATED TO "SUSTAINABILITY"

sustainability.asu.edu | The Global Institute of Sustainability
schoolofsustainability.asu.edu | The School of Sustainability
sustainability.asu.edu/campus | University Sustainability Practice, Campus Sustainability
newamericanuniversity.asu.edu/home.php | The New American University
president.asu.edu/library/sustainability | Office of the President: Information Library- Sustainability
www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org | American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

WRITER'S BRIEFING

A writer's briefing will be held to offer tips on organizing and writing submissions in a manner that best represents team/project efforts. Learn to present your information in a concise, clear manner that makes it easy for award examiners to review your submission against the award criteria.

See **Important Dates** on the first page of this document for briefing dates and locations.



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FORM 1 | TEAM/CONTACT INFORMATION

TEAM INFORMATION	
Team Name:	
Team leader's name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Mail Code:	

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Contact Person's Name:	
Relationship to Team:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
FAX:	
Mail Code:	
I certify that the information submitted as part of the application form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.	
NAME	
DATE	
NOTE: The CONTACT PERSON should be the person who wrote the application for submission and can answer questions about it.	



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FORM 2 | TEAM ROSTER

Name or Title of Project/Program (This name will appear on the award.)

Team Members List

To be included, team members must have regularly attended team meetings, actively participated in problem solving and decision-making activities, and contributed significantly to the program or project. Please check spelling for accuracy because this list will be used to create award certificates.

CLASSIFICATIONS

F = faculty | S = staff | SD = students | N = non-ASU team members

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FORM 3 | AWARD CRITERIA

CRITERIA

Award applications are evaluated using the following criteria. Scores are determined by rating the degree to which the sustainability project/program application meets the criteria in each category.

Background (10%)

- Outline the condition/situation that existed prior to involvement by the team.
- Identify the internal and/or external need or issue that was addressed.
- Who/what was impacted by this condition/situation?

Development (30%)

- Outline the goals and objectives of this project/program.
- Explain how this project/program aligns with and supports ASU's sustainability initiative.
- Describe the development of the sustainable principle, solution, project/program, or service.
- Identify the internal and/or external partners who helped determine the need and develop the solution.
- Describe how this project/program uses the resources of ASU to develop practical solutions to environmental, economic, and/or societal challenges.

Implementation (30%)

- Describe the improvement or solution that was implemented.
- Explain how the sustainable principle, solution, project/program, or service was implemented.
- Identify the internal and/or external partners who helped implement the solution
- Demonstrate the positive impact of the project/program and its relevance to the internal and/or external partners.
- Describe how this project provides a direct benefit to ASU (in terms of use-inspired research, teaching and learning, community outreach, and/or campus operations).

Measurable Results (30%)

- Use qualitative and quantitative data to explain why the project/program was needed.
- Provide specific details, data, and observations that document positive measurable results, and demonstrate the positive impact of the project/program on one or more of the stated sustainability actions or goals.
- Describe how the project/program can be institutionalized through qualitative or quantitative data.

EXAMPLES

Depending on the project/program, the Results section may:

- Describe the collaboration of ASU researchers and practitioners with business, industry, and government partners in addressing and solving sustainability challenges such as urban growth, environmental protection, resource management, and social and economic development.
- Show the positive impact on the ASU community, such as a reduction in environmental hazards, an improvement in working conditions or an improvement in the overall health of the workforce.