



2023-24 Awardee

TU Strategies for Ecological Education, Diversity, and Sustainability & TU Biology Society

TU SEEDS and TU Biology Society were awarded the Green Grant to fund a series of sustainable events, highlighted by the final organizing of an Earth Day expo for students on campus.

Award Amount: \$1,092.00

About Temple Biology Society

Temple University's Biology Society is a student organization primarily composed of Biology and other science majors. The organization is designed to provide students interested in biology with resources and tools to help facilitate their future careers. Through engaging workshops and volunteer opportunities, TU Bio Society looks to connect a wide range of interested students across campus.

About TU SEEDS

Temple SEEDS is chapter of the flagship award-winning education program of the [Ecological Society of America](#). This organization seeks to promote ecological awareness and sustainability while expanding opportunities for students underrepresented in the field of ecology.

Event Series

"Green Steps Towards a Sustainable Future" was an initiative designed to cultivate a culture of sustainability at Temple University and its surrounding community. Together, TU SEEDS and TU Biology Society aimed to highlight the impact that can be achieved through collective action. Their project focused on educating and engaging participants in sustainable practices through a series of workshops, events, and the creation of sustainable products. This program sought to teach practical and knowledgeable methods for sustainability to the students and faculty on campus. It will focus on important sustainability topics like reducing plastic use, recycling, and reusing clothing.





“Our project helped raise awareness about sustainability and provided students and faculty with practical tools to adopt eco-friendly habits.”

Event Series

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

Zero Waste Workshop:

your laundry is not sustainable

This workshop discussed the environmental impacts of traditional laundry practices, sustainable action items for green laundry, and provided participants the opportunity to create homemade, sustainable detergent.

Additionally, leading up to the workshop, all participants were encouraged to partake in the Zero Waste Challenge, a fun way for students to demonstrate their daily commitment to sustainability. Winners were awarded customized tote bags and reusable food storage bags on the day of the workshop.

Event Series

Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

Terrarium Building Workshop

This workshop provided attendees the opportunity to build and create their own terrariums. Students learned the function of terrariums as “mini-greenhouses” and the benefits they can provide for plant and water recycling.

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“Even small steps towards sustainability can create a meaningful impact; it might even spark a new passion for someone.”

Event Series

Monday, April 22nd, 2024

Earth Day Sustainability Expo

This final event culminated this series of collaborative efforts surrounding sustainability. This exposition, held on Earth Day in the Science Education and Research Center on Temple's campus, provided students with the opportunity to connect with student organizations and local non-profits that practice or promote sustainable principles. With a variety of internal and external collaborators, this event engaged a broad audience of students interested in varying aspects of sustainability.

What did the Green Grant mean to your organization?

"The Green Grant was essential in turning our ideas into reality. It gave us the resources to organize workshops, events, and a sustainability fair, which made a huge difference in spreading awareness and engaging the campus community."

-Sarah Sahotra



Could you briefly describe what sustainability means to you?

"Sustainability means making mindful, simple, and zero-waste choices that have a lasting, positive impact on the environment, our communities, and future generations. It is our responsibility to care for the planet, just as it cares for us."

-Salvin Kabir



What is the importance of student organizations engaging in sustainability work on campus?

"Student organizations provide students with the opportunity to raise awareness and educate their peers on important environmental and social issues, while also participating in hands-on projects and events within a community of like-minded individuals."

-Keri Kern



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-Noel Varghese



How did your project contribute to building a more sustainable campus?

"Our project felt special; it contributed to sustainability by raising awareness and offering hands-on learning that were both fun and exciting for students. Through the terrarium-building work-shop, homemade laundry detergent workshop, and my personal favorite, the Earth Day Celebration and Sustainability fair, we fostered positive engagement within Biology Society, TU Seeds, and with many students who walk through the halls of Temple University every day."

-Brianna Amato

