

Graduate Research Award Sustainability Program (GRASP)

GRASP Application Guidelines

The Temple University Graduate Research Award Sustainability Program (GRASP) advances the university's goal of expanding sustainability research by providing funding to a graduate student research project focused on sustainability. Application deadline is March 31st annually.

Project Criteria

Projects must have a research or implementation component and address sustainability on Temple's campus or in the surrounding community. Projects that address urban sustainability issues will also be considered. Some examples of sustainability related research projects include, but are not limited to: energy reduction, waste minimization, sustainable food options, transportation initiatives, community awareness, health, education and research to inform policy.

Eligibility

Applicants are required to be enrolled in a Temple graduate degree program both at the time of application submission and the following fall semester (the award period). Applicants must identify a faculty mentor prior to application submission. The faculty mentor should be available to provide guidance throughout the award period and will be required to sign off on the final report/deliverable. Applicants from non-STEM majors are especially encouraged to apply.

The Award

The award consists of \$3,000 to the awardee. Half of the award will be issued at project start and half at project completion upon submission of required documents. One award will be given every year during the spring semester to support summer/fall research. Project funds may be applied to the following activities: Materials or products required to implement the project; Professional work, installation, or design; Research and testing or monitoring equipment; Student wages.

Expectations of Award Recipient

1. **Report:** Upon completion of the project, the award recipient must provide a report. For a research-focused project, the report should be of publishable quality for an industry journal (such as a technical article or white paper). For projects with an implementation component, the report should summarize the project and include results and photos. The award recipient must submit the final report at the end of the fall semester of the award year. The final report will be made publicly available on the Office of Sustainability website.
2. **Progress Report:** The Office of Sustainability will meet with the award recipient throughout the award period to discuss project milestones. The award recipient will be required to meet project milestones and deadlines, which will be outlined in the award agreement. The award recipient must submit a detailed progress report at the end of the summer semester of the award year.
3. **Participation in Campus Sustainability Week:** During the fall semester of the award year, the award recipient must participate in Campus Sustainability Week with either an educational presentation or demonstration.

Application Requirements

Only complete applications submitted by the deadline date will be considered. The application consists of the GRASP Application Form and the project proposal and mentor letter of support attachments. All application materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to **GRASP@temple.edu**.

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1. APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Graduate Student Information

Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

TUid _____ Phone _____

Temple Email _____@temple.edu

School/College _____

Graduate Degree Program _____

Project Title _____

Faculty Mentor Information

Faculty Mentor Name _____

Faculty Mentor Department _____

Faculty Mentor Temple Email _____@temple.edu

2. PROJECT ABSTRACT

In the space provided, please provide an abstract or a brief detailed description of the proposed project.

3. PROJECT BUDGET

Please provide a project budget. The budget should be as specific and detailed as possible. The total amount requested cannot exceed \$3,000.

Materials or products required to implement the project (itemize below):	
Professional work, installation or design (itemize below):	
Research and testing or monitoring equipment (itemize below):	
Student Wages (@\$15/hour):	
Other (describe below):	
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (not to exceed \$3,000):	

4. PROJECT PROPOSAL (1000 words or less)

Please attach a project proposal to this application. The proposal should describe your proposed research and/or project and detail the research involved or the implementation component of the project. The proposal should also include how the research/project addresses sustainability on Temple's campus, sustainability in the surrounding community or an urban sustainability issue.

5. MENTOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Please attach a mentor letter of support to this application. The letter should describe the graduate student's ability to undertake the proposed research/project and how the mentor will support them in executing and completing the requirements outlined in the GRASP Application Guidelines.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Please read and agree to the following:

- By checking this box, I acknowledge that I meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the GRASP Application Guidelines.
- By checking this box, I acknowledge that if funded, I will submit required reports and participate in Campus Sustainability Week as detailed in the *Expectation of Award Recipient* portion of the GRASP Application Guidelines.
- By checking this box, your faculty mentor has acknowledged that they are able to serve as the Temple University faculty mentor for the graduate student listed on this application; agrees to provide guidance during the award period; and, understands that they will be required to sign off on the final report/deliverable.