

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 and \$500 to the faculty mentor. 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 2016 fall semester. 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 2016 summer semester.
3. **Participation in Campus Sustainability Week:** During the fall semester of the award period, the award recipient must participate in Campus Sustainability Week with either an educational presentation or demonstration.
4. **Presentation:** During the fall semester of the award period, the award recipient must conduct a presentation to the GRASP selection committee.

Application Requirements

The following application consists of an (1) application cover sheet, (2) project abstract, (3) project budget, (4) project proposal and (5) mentor letter of support. All application materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to **GRASP@temple.edu**. Only complete applications submitted by the deadline date will be considered.

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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 _____

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 a project report, participate in Campus Sustainability Week and give a presentation as detailed in the *Expectation of Award Recipient* portion of the GRASP Application Guidelines.

2. PROJECT ABSTRACT (100 – 200 Words)

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 (500 – 750 Words)

Please describe your proposed research and/or project. The proposal should describe in 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 (to be completed by faculty mentor)

In the space provided, please describe the graduate student's ability to undertake the proposed research/project and how you will support them in executing and completing the requirements outlined in the GRASP Application Guidelines.

Graduate Student Name _____

Faculty Mentor Name _____

Faculty Mentor Department _____

Faculty Mentor Temple Email _____@temple.edu

By checking this box: I acknowledge that I am able to serve as the Temple University faculty mentor for the graduate student listed above; I am able to provide guidance during the award period; and, I understand that I will be required to sign off on the final report/deliverable.