

CAMPUS AS A LIVING LAB

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Proposals should be submitted on [InfoReady](#) and will consist of the following:

Research Project Description (for students & researcher applicants):

Describe the proposed project including (400 word limit):

- A.) the central research question for the project
- B.) how the project utilizes JHU campuses and supports goals in the draft JHU Sustainability Plan
- C.) how is the project innovative, in that it tests a novel sustainability solution and/or preferably differs from existing research in its field of study?

Course Description (for instructor applicants):

Describe the proposed course including (400 word limit):

- A.) the sustainability projects and topics that will be included in the course
- B.) how the course utilizes JHU campuses and supports goals in the draft JHU Sustainability Plan
- C.) how will course be innovative and novel- both in regards to sustainability topics and existing course content

Outcomes:

List how you will measure or evaluate anticipated project outcomes.

Administrative Partnerships:

Project university administrative staff partner(s), including name, title, and department. At least one staff partner is required, who would agree to support the project conceptually and ensure access to campus resources for project implementation before being listed as a partner.

Timeline:

Include a high-level overview of your project timeline, highlighting key milestones and deadlines for project completion within 12 months, submitted in the form or as an attachment.

Budget:

Include an itemized budget table with budget justification submitted in the form or as an attachment. Within an award term of one fiscal year, budget may be used for Principle Investigator salary, to hire graduate students, postdoctoral fellows or technicians, equipment, transportation, and consumables.

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GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA

Grant proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Eligibility:

JHU students, researchers, and course instructors are eligible to apply for grants. All proposals require a university administrative partner who both supports the project conceptually and ensures researcher access to campus resources to implement the project successfully. Student grant proposals require a faculty mentor. Timelines and budgets should reflect project completion within one-year.

Advances or Informs the JHU Sustainability Plan:

Proposals should clearly describe how the research projects would result in findings, recommendations, or impacts that help to inform and/or advance JHU's Climate Action & Sustainability Plan.

Tests Innovative Solutions:

Projects must test or evaluate innovative sustainability solutions utilizing a JHU campus. Research should be innovative in that it tests a novel sustainability solution and/or differs from existing research in the field of study.

Impacts Research or Course Outcomes:

Project proposals should impact sustainability-related research or course outcomes. Outcomes may include gathering data or information, providing technical expertise, or advancing practical solutions. Project outcomes should help inform university decision-making and student learning outcomes with the potential for long-term benefits.

Scales Locally or Globally:

Project findings should be scalable, locally or globally, utilizing the campus as an innovation testbed to support JHU's sustainability priorities. As project findings are intended to be scalable beyond campus, grant recipients are asked to share their findings both internally with the campus community and to publish broadly.