

# Drexel University

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# Institutional Characteristics

## Institutional Characteristics

The passthrough subcategory for the boundary

<b>Credit</b>
Institutional Boundary
Operational Characteristics
Academics and Demographics

# Institutional Boundary

## Criteria

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## Operational Characteristics

### Criteria

n/a

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## Academics and Demographics

### Criteria

n/a

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# Academics

## Curriculum

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that have formal education programs and courses that address sustainability. One of the primary functions of colleges and universities is to educate students. By training and educating future leaders, scholars, workers, and professionals, higher education institutions are uniquely positioned to prepare students to understand and address sustainability challenges. Institutions that offer courses covering sustainability issues help equip their students to lead society to a sustainable future.

<b>Credit</b>
Academic Courses
Learning Outcomes
Undergraduate Program
Graduate Program
Immersive Experience
Sustainability Literacy Assessment
Incentives for Developing Courses
Campus as a Living Laboratory

# Academic Courses

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution offers sustainability courses and/or courses that include sustainability and makes an inventory of those courses publicly available.

### *Part 2*

Institution's academic departments (or the equivalent) offer sustainability courses and/or courses that include sustainability.

In order to report and earn points for this credit, the institution must conduct a course inventory. The inventory should consist of two parts:

- 1) An inventory of sustainability courses that includes, at minimum, the title, department (or equivalent), and level of each course (i.e. undergraduate or graduate), as well as a brief description if the sustainability focus of the course is not apparent from its title
- 2) An inventory of other courses that include sustainability. The inventory includes, at minimum, the title, department (or the equivalent), and level of each course and a description of how sustainability is integrated into each course.

A course may be a sustainability course or it may include sustainability; no course should be identified as both:

- A sustainability course is a course in which the primary and explicit focus is on sustainability and/or on understanding or solving one or more major sustainability challenge (e.g. the course contributes toward achieving principles outlined in the [Earth Charter](#)).
- A course that includes sustainability is primarily focused on a topic other than sustainability, but incorporates a unit or module on sustainability or a sustainability challenge, includes one or more sustainability-focused activities, or integrates sustainability issues throughout the course.

For guidance on conducting a course inventory and distinguishing between sustainability courses and courses that include sustainability, see *Standards and Terms* and the Credit Example in the [STARS Technical Manual](#). An institution that has developed a more refined approach to course classification may use that approach as long as it is consistent with the definitions and guidance provided.

Each institution is free to choose a methodology to identify sustainability courses that is most appropriate given its unique circumstances. Asking faculty and departments to self-identify sustainability courses and courses that include sustainability using the definitions outlined in *Standards and Terms* or looking at the stated learning outcomes and course objectives associated with each course may provide a richer view of sustainability course offerings than simply reviewing course descriptions, but it is not required.

This credit does not include continuing education and extension courses, which are covered by *EN 11: Continuing Education*.

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# Learning Outcomes

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution's students graduate from degree programs that include sustainability as a learning outcome or include multiple sustainability learning outcomes. Sustainability learning outcomes (or the equivalent) may be specified at:

- Institution level (e.g. covering all students)
- Division level (e.g. covering one or more schools or colleges within the institution)
- Program level
- Course level

This credit includes graduate as well as undergraduate programs. For this credit, "degree programs" include majors, minors, concentrations, certificates, and other academic designations. Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in *EN 11: Continuing Education*. Programs that include co-curricular aspects may count as long as there is an academic component of the program. Learning outcomes at the course level count if the course is required to complete the program.

This credit is inclusive of learning outcomes, institutional learning goals, general education outcomes, and graduate profiles that are consistent with the definition of "sustainability learning outcomes" included in Standards and Terms.

Institutions that do not specify learning outcomes as a matter of policy or standard practice may report graduates from sustainability-focused programs (i.e. majors, minors, concentrations and the equivalent as reported for *AC 3: Undergraduate Program* and *AC 4: Graduate Program*) in lieu of the above criteria.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Number of students who graduated from a program that has adopted at least one sustainability learning outcome:**

259

**Total number of graduates from degree programs:**

5,665

**A copy of the list or inventory of degree, diploma or certificate programs that have sustainability learning outcomes:**

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**A list of degree, diploma or certificate programs that have sustainability learning outcomes:**

Architecture (B Arch), BS Architectural Engineering, BS, MS and PhD Civil Engineering, BS, MS and PhD Environmental Engineering, BS, MS and PhD Environmental Science, BS Environmental Studies, BS Interior Design, MS Interior Architecture + Design

**A list or sample of the sustainability learning outcomes associated with degree, diploma or certificate programs (if not included in an inventory above):**

"Programs in Environmental Studies and Environmental Science address student-learning outcomes by the very nature of their program. Environmental Science (BS, MS, PhD) addresses the stewardship of our planet on a daily basis from study and research of ecological processes to applied conservation work. The core principal of the BS Environmental studies program states: "The program can be summed up by the term 'sustainability' -- a commitment to conserve finite natural resources while developing smarter social, political and economic systems to balance current needs with those of future generations". (BS Environmental Studies web page)

Several of the programs listed (architecture, engineering and interiors) are accredited programs and have specific student learning expectations regarding sustainability that are articulated in the standards set forth by each accrediting body. Several examples are cited below:

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology:

ABET is an accrediting body for applied sciences, computing, engineering, and technology education comprised of thirty-one professional and technical societies. ABET develops program criteria, provides leadership and governance, and recruits and assigns evaluators to visit programs for on site evaluation. ABET encourages quality assurance and innovation in education. Programs accredited by the engineering commission of ABET evaluate for achievement of the outcomes (a through k):

Outcome (c) requires programs demonstrate that students have "an ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability." (ABET Standards)

National Architectural Accrediting Board

The B Arch program is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture. In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure.

NAAB lists five perspectives of Architectural education. The fifth perspective is Architectural Education and the Public Good. It states:

"Students enrolled in the accredited degree program are prepared: to be active, engaged citizens; to be responsive to the needs of a changing world; to acquire the knowledge needed to address pressing environmental, social, and economic challenges through design, conservation and responsible professional practice; to understand the ethical implications of their decisions; to reconcile differences between the architect's obligation to his/her client and the public; and to nurture a climate of civic engagement, including a commitment to professional and public service and leadership. (NAAB Five Perspectives of Architecture)

NAAB separates their student performance criteria into 3 realms, with specific student outcomes addressed in each realm. Realm B focuses on Integrated Building Practices, Technical Skills and Knowledge with B.3 focusing directly on Sustainability:

B. 3. Sustainability: (Student work demonstrates) Ability to design projects that optimize, conserve, or reuse natural and built resources; provides healthful environments for the occupant/user, and reduces the environmental impacts of building construction and operations on future generations through means such as carbon-neutral design, bioclimatic design, and energy efficiency.

Council for Interior Design Accreditation

In order to receive accreditation Interior Design must achieve a minimum of partial compliance in 14 standards (13 of which are student performance based). Drexel's BS interior design and MS interior architecture + design are both CIDA accredited every 7 years. The

mission on the website states: CIDA-accredited programs assure the public that interior design education prepares students to be responsible, well-informed, skilled professionals who make beautiful, safe, and comfortable spaces that also respect the earth and its resources.

CIDA mandates that both undergraduate and graduate Interior Design programs demonstrate student-learning expectations that include the following sustainability criteria.

CIDA standard 2a states: “student work demonstrates understanding of the concepts, principles, and theories of sustainability as they pertain to building methods, materials, systems and occupants” and

CIDA Standard 12g and 12h environmental systems and controls: students understand the principles of indoor air quality and students understand how the selection and application of products and systems impact indoor air quality

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**The website URL where information about the institution’s sustainability learning outcomes is available:**

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# Undergraduate Program

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
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## Criteria

Institution offers at least one:

- Sustainability-focused program (major, degree program, or equivalent) for undergraduate students

And/or

- Undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minor or concentration (e.g. a concentration on sustainable business within a business major).

Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in *EN 11: Continuing Education*.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution offer at least one sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for undergraduate students?:**

Yes

**The name of the sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program (1st program):**

BS Environmental Engineering

**A brief description of the undergraduate degree program (1st program):**

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**The website URL for the undergraduate degree program (1st program):**

<http://www.drexel.edu/cae/academics/environmental-engineering/>

**The name of the sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program (2nd program):**

BS Environmental Science

**A brief description of the undergraduate degree program (2nd program):**

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**The website URL for the undergraduate degree program (2nd program):**

<http://www.drexel.edu/bees/academics/undergraduate/bs/>

**The name of the sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program (3rd program):**

BS Environmental Studies

**A brief description of the undergraduate degree program (3rd program):**

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**The website URL for the undergraduate degree program (3rd program):**

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**The name and website URLs of all other sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program(s):**

<http://www.drexel.edu/culturecomm/academics/undergraduate/envrstudies/bs/>

**Does the institution offer one or more sustainability-focused minors, concentrations or certificates for undergraduate students?:**

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**The name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):**

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**A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):**

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**The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):**

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**The name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):**

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**The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):**

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**The name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):**

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**A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):**

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**The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):**

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**The name, brief description and URL of all other undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minors, concentrations and certificates:**

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# Graduate Program

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution offers at least one:

- Sustainability-focused program (major, degree program, or equivalent) for graduate students

And/or

- Graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (e.g. a concentration on sustainable business within an MBA program).

Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in *EN 11: Continuing Education*.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution offer at least one sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for graduate students?:**

Yes

**The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (1st program):**

MS, PhD - Environmental Engineering

**A brief description of the graduate degree program (1st program):**

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**The website URL for the graduate degree program (1st program) :**

<http://www.drexel.edu/engineering/programs/undergrad/EnvironmentalEngineering/>

**The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (2nd program):**

MPH - Environmental and Occupational Health

**A brief description of the graduate degree program (2nd program):**

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**The website URL for the graduate degree program (2nd program):**

<http://catalog.drexel.edu/graduate/schoolofpublichealth/publichealth/>

**The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (3rd program):**

MS - Environmental Policy

**A brief description of the graduate degree program (3rd program):**

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**The website URL for the graduate degree program (3rd program):**

<http://www.drexel.edu/publicpolicy/academics/msEnviroPolicy/>

**The name and website URLs of all other sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program(s):**

MS, PhD - Environmental Science

<http://drexel.edu/bees/academics/graduate/ms/>

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<http://drexel.edu/bees/academics/graduate/phd/>

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**Does the institution offer one or more graduate-level sustainability-focused minors, concentrations or certificates?:**

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**The name of the graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):**

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**A brief description of the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):**

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**The website URL for the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):**

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**The name of the graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):**



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**A brief description of the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):**

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**The website URL for the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):**

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**The name of the graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):**

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**A brief description of the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):**

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**The website URL for the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):**

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**The name and website URLs of all other graduate-level, sustainability-focused minors, concentrations and certificates:**

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# Immersive Experience

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution offers at least one immersive, sustainability-focused educational study program. The program is one week or more in length and may take place off-campus, overseas, or on-campus.

For this credit, the program must meet one or both of the following criteria:

- It concentrates on sustainability, including its social, economic, and environmental dimensions

And/or

- It examines an issue or topic using sustainability as a lens.

For-credit programs, non-credit programs and programs offered in partnership with outside entities may count for this credit. Programs offered exclusively by outside entities do not count for this credit.

See the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual for further guidance.

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## Submission Note:

Study Abroad – Environmental or sustainably focused programs:

Equatorial Guinea:

[http://www.drexel.edu/studyabroad/destinations/equatorial\\_guinea.html](http://www.drexel.edu/studyabroad/destinations/equatorial_guinea.html)

Costa Rica:

[http://www.drexel.edu/studyabroad/destinations/costa\\_rica.html](http://www.drexel.edu/studyabroad/destinations/costa_rica.html)

Guatemala:

<http://www.drexel.edu/studyabroad/destinations/guatemala.html>

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**Does the institution offer at least one immersive, sustainability-focused educational study program that meets the criteria for this credit?:**

Yes

**A brief description of the sustainability-focused immersive program(s) offered by the institution:**

**Sustainability in the Built Environment Minor:**

The Sustainability in the Built Environment minor is open to all university students. The intent of the Minor is to prepare students to engage and analyze future design challenges from a sustainability perspective. Students completing this Minor will be able to approach these challenges in a resourceful and insightful way with a solid foundation of sustainability principles. The emphasis on collaboration and trans-disciplinary teamwork will allow our students to serve as agile leaders in their future careers and be active participants in the critical discourse of our field. The Minor requires students earn a total of 24 credits by completing four required courses in sustainability, and four elective courses in sustainability that are offered throughout the University.

**Environmental or sustainably focused Study Abroad Opportunities:**

**Drexel in Equatorial Guinea: Biodiversity on Bioko Island:** The semester long program is run in conjunction with the Bioko Biodiversity Protection Program (BBPP), part of the academic partnership between the National University of Equatorial Guinea and Drexel University. Students study tropical biodiversity and its conservation, with an emphasis on fieldwork that takes advantage of Bioko Island's pristine rain forests. Students work in collaboration with an established conservation program on the political, economic and ecological issues involved in biodiversity conservation, thereby building personal credentials and contacts.

**Drexel in Costa Rica: International Center for Development Studies (ICDS)**

The ICDS Costa Rica program is a wonderful opportunity to live, study and even co-op in Costa Rica. Students spend one or more terms in San Jose, through a special arrangement with the International Center for Development Studies (ICDS). Students choose one of four tracks: Human Rights, Society, & Development in Latin America (Fall); Environment, Sustainability & Development in Latin America (Fall); Spanish, Social Justice, and Sustainable Development in Latin America (Winter); Language, Culture, & Development in Latin America (Spring).

**Drexel Fall Break in Guatemala: Development in Action**

Based in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, International Development in Action is a two-week study abroad program that focuses on service learning and language acquisition. Students will devote one week to intensive Spanish instruction and volunteer work, and a second week engaged in interactive site visits and service learning projects exploring key challenges of development, and the intersecting connections between global and environmental health, gender issues, economics, politics, etc.

**The website URL where information about the immersive program(s) is available:**

<http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/minors/SBE/>

# Sustainability Literacy Assessment

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## Criteria

Institution conducts an assessment of the sustainability literacy of its students. The sustainability literacy assessment focuses on knowledge of sustainability topics and may also address values, behaviors and/or beliefs. Assessments that focus exclusively on values, behaviors and/or beliefs are not sufficient to earn points for this credit.

Institution may conduct a follow-up assessment of the same cohort group(s) using the same instrument.

This credit includes graduate as well as undergraduate students.

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### Submission Note:

While several of Drexels programs address sustainability as part of the student learning outcomes, the University as a whole does not currently have a Literacy Assessment in place for Sustainability that covers the entire University student body. There are current plans to develop a sustainability assessment model for the Sustainability in the Built Environment minor.

*"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field*

**The percentage of students assessed for sustainability literacy (directly or by representative sample) and for whom a follow-up assessment is conducted:**

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**The percentage of students assessed for sustainability literacy (directly or by representative sample) without a follow-up assessment:**

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**A copy of the questions included in the sustainability literacy assessment(s):**

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**The questions included in the sustainability literacy assessment(s) :**

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**A brief description of how the assessment(s) were developed:**

N/A

**A brief description of how the assessment(s) were administered:**

N/A

**A brief summary of results from the assessment(s):**

N/A

**The website URL where information about the literacy assessment(s) is available:**

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# Incentives for Developing Courses

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution has an ongoing program or programs that offer incentives for faculty in multiple disciplines or departments to develop new sustainability courses and/or incorporate sustainability into existing courses or departments. The program specifically aims to increase student learning of sustainability.

Incentives may include release time, funding for professional development, and trainings offered by the institution.

Incentives for expanding sustainability offerings in academic, non-credit, and/or continuing education courses count for this credit.

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*"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field*

**Does the institution have an ongoing incentives program or programs that meet the criteria for this credit?:**

No

**A brief description of the program(s), including positive outcomes during the previous three years:**

N/A

**A brief description of the incentives that faculty members who participate in the program(s) receive:**

N/A

**The website URL where information about the incentive program(s) is available:**

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# Campus as a Living Laboratory

## Criteria

Institution is utilizing its infrastructure and operations for multidisciplinary student learning, applied research and practical work that advances sustainability on campus in at least one of the following areas:

- Air & Climate
- Buildings
- Dining Services/Food
- Energy
- Grounds
- Purchasing
- Transportation
- Waste
- Water
- Coordination, Planning & Governance
- Diversity & Affordability
- Health, Wellbeing & Work
- Investment
- Public Engagement
- Other

This credit includes substantive work by students and/or faculty (e.g. class projects, thesis projects, term papers, published papers) that involves active and experiential learning and contributes to positive sustainability outcomes on campus (see the Credit Example in the [STARS Technical Manual](#)). On-campus internships and non-credit work (e.g. that take place under supervision of sustainability staff or committees) may count as long as the work has a learning component.

This credit does not include immersive education programs, co-curricular activities, or community-based work, which are covered by *AC 5: Immersive Experience*, credits in the Campus Engagement subcategory, and credits in the Public Engagement subcategory, respectively.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Research

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are conducting research on sustainability topics. Conducting research is a major function of many colleges and universities. By researching sustainability issues and refining theories and concepts, higher education institutions can continue to help the world understand sustainability challenges and develop new technologies, strategies, and approaches to address those challenges.

<b>Credit</b>
Academic Research
Support for Research
Access to Research



# Academic Research

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution's faculty and/or staff conduct sustainability research and the institution makes an inventory of its sustainability research publicly available.

### *Part 2*

Institution's academic departments (or the equivalent) include faculty and staff who conduct sustainability research.

Any level of sustainability research is sufficient to be included for this credit. In other words, a researcher who conducts both sustainability research and other research may be included.

In order to report for this credit, the institution should conduct an inventory to identify its sustainability research activities and initiatives.

Each institution is free to choose a methodology to identify sustainability research that is most appropriate given its unique circumstances. For example, an institution may distribute a survey to all faculty members and ask them to self-identify as being engaged in sustainability research or ask the chairperson of each department to identify the sustainability research activities within his or her department. The research inventory should be based on the definition of "sustainability research" outlined in Standards and Terms and include, at minimum, all research centers, laboratories, departments, and faculty members whose research focuses on or is related to sustainability.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Support for Research

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution encourages and/or supports sustainability research through one or more of the following:

- An ongoing program to encourage students in multiple disciplines or academic programs to conduct research in sustainability. The program provides students with incentives to research sustainability. Such incentives may include, but are not limited to, fellowships, financial support, and mentorships. The program specifically aims to increase student sustainability research.
  - An ongoing program to encourage faculty from multiple disciplines or academic programs to conduct research in sustainability topics. The program provides faculty with incentives to research sustainability. Such incentives may include, but are not limited to, fellowships, financial support, and faculty development workshops. The program specifically aims to increase faculty sustainability research.
  - Formally adopted policies and procedures that give positive recognition to interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research during faculty promotion and/or tenure decisions.
  - Ongoing library support for sustainability research and learning in the form of research guides, materials selection policies and practices, curriculum development efforts, sustainability literacy promotion, and e-learning objects focused on sustainability.
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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

## Does the institution have a program to encourage student sustainability research that meets the criteria for this credit?:

Yes

## A brief description of the institution's program(s) to encourage student research in sustainability:

Drexel has been supporting a multidisciplinary initiative in sustainability specifically focused on developing sustainable solutions in energy, food and water. Student engagement in the initiative is encouraged/incentivized by supporting both undergraduate and graduate students in research

## The website URL where information about the student research program is available:

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## Does the institution have a program to encourage faculty sustainability research that meets the criteria for this credit?:

Yes

**A brief description of the institution's program(s) to encourage faculty research in sustainability:**

Drexel has funded an initiative that encourages and nurtures sustainability research and promotes multidisciplinary collaboration. Incentives include the availability of funding to seed new research projects, support graduate students or postdoctoral fellows, host workshops and rump sessions, etc.

**The website URL where information about the faculty research program is available:**

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**Has the institution formally adopted policies and procedures that give positive recognition to interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research during faculty promotion and/or tenure decisions?:**

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**A brief description or the text of the institution's policy regarding interdisciplinary research:**

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**The website URL where information about the treatment of interdisciplinary research is available:**

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**Does the institution provide ongoing library support for sustainability research and learning that meets the criteria for this credit?:**

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**A brief description of the institution's library support for sustainability research and learning:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's library support for sustainability is available:**

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## Access to Research

### Criteria

Institution has a formally adopted open access policy that ensures that versions of all future scholarly articles by faculty and staff and all future theses and dissertations are deposited in a designated open access repository.

The open access repository may be managed by the institution or the institution may participate in a consortium with a consortial and/or outsourced open access repository.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Engagement

## Campus Engagement

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that provide their students with sustainability learning experiences outside the formal curriculum. Engaging in sustainability issues through co-curricular activities allows students to deepen and apply their understandings of sustainability principles. Institution-sponsored co-curricular sustainability offerings, often coordinated by student affairs offices, help integrate sustainability into the campus culture and set a positive tone for the institution.

In addition, this subcategory recognizes institutions that support faculty and staff engagement, training, and development programs in sustainability. Faculty and staff members' daily decisions impact an institution's sustainability performance. Equipping faculty and staff with the tools, knowledge, and motivation to adopt behavior changes that promote sustainability is an essential activity of a sustainable campus.

<b>Credit</b>
Student Educators Program
Student Orientation
Student Life
Outreach Materials and Publications
Outreach Campaign
Employee Educators Program
Employee Orientation
Staff Professional Development

# Student Educators Program

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution coordinates an ongoing peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education program for degree-seeking students. The institution:

- Selects or appoints students to serve as educators and formally designates the students as educators (paid and/or volunteer),
- Provides formal training to the educators in how to conduct outreach, and
- Offers faculty or staff and/or other financial support to the program.

This credit focuses on programs for degree-seeking students enrolled in a for-credit program. Continuing education and/or non-credit students are excluded from this credit.

This credit recognizes ongoing student educator programs that engage students on a regular basis. For example, student educators may be responsible for serving (i.e. directly targeting) a particular subset of students, such as those living in residence halls or enrolled in certain academic subdivisions. Thus, a group of students may be served by a program even if not all of these students avail themselves of the outreach and education offerings.

Sustainability outreach campaigns, sustainability events, and student clubs or groups are not eligible for this credit unless the criteria outlined above are met. These programs are covered by *EN 5: Outreach Campaign* and *EN 3: Student Life*.

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### Submission Note:

Drexel does not have an Eco-Reps program at this time.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution coordinate one or more ongoing student, peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education programs that meet the criteria for this credit?:**

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**Number of degree-seeking students enrolled at the institution:**

25,015

**Name of the student educators program (1st program):**

N/A

**Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by the program (1st program):**

0

**A brief description of the program, including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (1st program):**

N/A

**A brief description of how the student educators are selected (1st program):**

N/A

**A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (1st program):**

N/A

**A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (1st program):**

N/A

**Name of the student educators program (2nd program):**

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**Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by the program (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of the program, including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of how the student educators are selected (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (2nd program):**

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**Name of the student educators program (3rd program):**

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**Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by the program (3rd program):**

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**A brief description of the program, including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (3rd program):**

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**A brief description of how the student educators are selected (3rd program):**

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**A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (3rd program):**

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**A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (3rd program):**

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**Name(s) of the student educator program(s) (all other programs):**

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**Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by all other student educator programs:**

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**A brief description of the program(s), including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (all other programs):**

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**A brief description of how the student educators are selected (all other programs):**

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**A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (all other programs):**

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**A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (all other programs):**



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**Total number of hours student educators are engaged in peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education activities annually:**

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**The website URL for the peer-to-peer student outreach and education program(s):**

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas

Communications Manager

SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution includes sustainability prominently in its student orientation activities and programming. Sustainability activities and programming are intended to educate about the principles and practices of sustainability. The topics covered include multiple dimensions of sustainability (i.e. social, environmental and economic).

Because orientation activities vary from one institution to another, prominent inclusion of sustainability may not take the same form on each campus. Prominent inclusion of sustainability may also take different forms for different types of students (e.g. undergraduate students, transfer students, graduate students). When reporting for this credit, each institution will determine what prominent inclusion of sustainability means given its particular context. (See the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual.)

As this credit is intended to recognize programming and student learning about sustainability, incorporating sustainability strategies into event planning (e.g. making recycling bins accessible or not serving bottled water) is not, in and of itself, sufficient for this credit. Such strategies may count if they are highlighted and are part of the educational offerings. For example, serving local food would not, in and of itself, be sufficient for this credit; however, serving local food and providing information about sustainable food systems during meals could contribute to earning this credit.

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**The percentage of entering students that are provided an opportunity to participate in orientation activities and programming that prominently include sustainability:**

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**A brief description of how sustainability is included prominently in new student orientation:**

During New Student Orientation at Drexel's Queen Lane Campus, every incoming freshman received a Drexel Green water bottle and information on how to utilize the new Hydration Stations installed there. During the two-hour afternoon Orientation Fair, Drexel Green had a table set up with sustainability information. On the University City Campus, the Drexel Sierra Club sets up a table and provides campus sustainability information during both New Student Orientation and during Welcome Back Week in the Fall and Spring terms.

**The website URL where information about sustainability in student orientation is available:**

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# Student Life

## Criteria

Institution has co-curricular sustainability programs and initiatives. The programs and initiatives fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Active student groups focused on sustainability
- Gardens, farms, community supported agriculture (CSA) or fishery programs, and urban agriculture projects where students are able to gain experience in organic agriculture and sustainable food systems
- Sustainable enterprises that include sustainability as part of their mission statements or stated purposes (e.g. cafés through which students gain sustainable business skills)
- Sustainable investment funds, green revolving funds or sustainable microfinance initiatives through which students can develop socially, environmentally and fiscally responsible investment and financial skills
- Conferences, speaker series, symposia or similar events related to sustainability that have students as the intended audience
- Cultural arts events, installations or performances related to sustainability that have students as the intended audience
- Wilderness or outdoors programs (e.g. that organize hiking, backpacking, kayaking, or other outings for students and follow Leave No Trace principles)
- Sustainability-related themes chosen for themed semesters, years, or first-year experiences (e.g. choosing a sustainability-related book for common reading)
- Programs through which students can learn sustainable life skills (e.g. a series of sustainable living workshops, a model room in a residence hall that is open to students during regular visitation hours and demonstrates sustainable living principles, or sustainability-themed housing where residents and visitors learn about sustainability together)
- Sustainability-focused student employment opportunities offered by the institution
- Graduation pledges through which students pledge to consider social and environmental responsibility in future job and other decisions
- Other co-curricular sustainability programs and initiatives

Multiple programs and initiatives may be reported for each category and each category may include institution-governed and/or student-governed programs.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Outreach Materials and Publications

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
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## Criteria

Institution produces outreach materials and/or publications that foster sustainability learning and knowledge. The publications and outreach materials may include the following:

- A central sustainability website that consolidates information about the institution's sustainability efforts
- A sustainability newsletter
- Social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, interactive blogs) that focus specifically on campus sustainability
- A vehicle to publish and disseminate student research on sustainability
- Building signage that highlights green building features
- Food service area signage and/or brochures that include information about sustainable food systems
- Signage on the grounds about sustainable groundskeeping and/or landscaping strategies employed
- A sustainability walking map or tour
- A guide for commuters about how to use alternative methods of transportation
- Navigation and educational tools for bicyclists and pedestrians (e.g. covering routes, inter-modal connections, policies, services, and safety)
- A guide for green living and incorporating sustainability into the residential experience
- Regular coverage of sustainability in the main student newspaper, either through a regular column or a reporter assigned to the sustainability beat
- Other

A single outreach material or publication that serves multiple purposes may be counted more than once. For example, a sustainability website that includes tools for bicyclists and pedestrians may be counted in both categories.

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**Does the institution produce the following outreach materials and/or publications that foster sustainability learning and knowledge? :**

	Yes or No
<b>A central sustainability website that consolidates information about the institution's sustainability efforts</b>	Yes

<b>A sustainability newsletter</b>	Yes
<b>Social media platforms that focus specifically on campus sustainability</b>	---
<b>A vehicle to publish and disseminate student research on sustainability</b>	No
<b>Building signage that highlights green building features</b>	Yes
<b>Food service area signage and/or brochures that include information about sustainable food systems</b>	Yes
<b>Signage on the grounds about sustainable groundskeeping and/or landscaping strategies employed</b>	No
<b>A sustainability walking map or tour</b>	Yes
<b>A guide for commuters about how to use alternative methods of transportation</b>	Yes
<b>Navigation and educational tools for bicyclists and pedestrians</b>	---
<b>A guide for green living and incorporating sustainability into the residential experience</b>	Yes
<b>Regular coverage of sustainability in the main student newspaper, either through a regular column or a reporter assigned to the sustainability beat</b>	Yes
<b>Other sustainability publications or outreach materials not covered above</b>	Yes

**A brief description of the central sustainability website:**

Drexel.edu/green is the central website for Sustainability news and information at Drexel.

**The website URL for the central sustainability website:**

<http://www.drexel.edu/green/>

**A brief description of the sustainability newsletter:**

The Sustainability Council, made up of faculty, staff and students, puts out a University-wide Sustainability e-newsletter quarterly.

**The website URL for the sustainability newsletter:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources\\_drexel.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources_drexel.html)

**A brief description of the social media platforms that focus specifically on campus sustainability:**

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**The website URL of the primary social media platform that focuses on sustainability:**

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**A brief description of the vehicle to publish and disseminate student research on sustainability:**

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**The website URL for the vehicle to publish and disseminate student research on sustainability:**

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**A brief description of building signage that highlights green building features :**

The LEED Gold Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building has signage about the 75-foot Biowall in the main atrium.

**The website URL for building signage that highlights green building features :**

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**A brief description of food service area signage and/or brochures that include information about sustainable food systems:**

Information about sustainable food items available at campus eateries and retailers is listed on Drexel Green brochures and the Drexel Green map.

**The website URL for food service area signage and/or brochures that include information about sustainable food systems:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources\\_map.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources_map.html)

**A brief description of signage on the grounds about sustainable groundskeeping and/or landscaping strategies:**

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**The website URL for signage on the grounds about sustainable groundskeeping and/or landscaping strategies:**

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**A brief description of the sustainability walking map or tour:**

Drexel Green has published an interactive map (both online and print) showing all the "green" features on the University City Campus

**The website URL of the sustainability walking map or tour:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources\\_map.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources_map.html)

**A brief description of the guide for commuters about how to use alternative methods of transportation:**

This information is included on the "Resources" page of the Drexel Green website.

**The website URL for the guide for commuters about how to use alternative methods of transportation:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources\\_drexel.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources_drexel.html)

**A brief description of the navigation and educational tools for bicyclists and pedestrians:**

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**The website URL for navigation and educational tools for bicyclists and pedestrians:**

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**A brief description of the guide for green living and incorporating sustainability into the residential experience:**

Green living tips are listed on the Drexel Green website.

**The website URL for the guide for green living and incorporating sustainability into the residential experience:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources\\_drexel.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources_drexel.html)

**A brief description of regular coverage of sustainability in the main student newspaper, either through a regular column or a reporter assigned to the sustainability beat:**

Drexel Green and the Drexel Sierra Club regularly correspond with The Triangle, Drexel's student newspaper, to discuss sustainability programs and events, and the paper regularly reports on these activities.

**The website URL for regular coverage of sustainability in the main student newspaper, either through a regular column or a reporter assigned to the sustainability beat:**

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**A brief description of another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above (1st material):**

Drexel Green produces brochures and other printed materials (on recycled paper, FSC-certified paper) to give out during Orientation, Earth Week, and other events informing the community about our recycling program and other sustainability initiatives.

**The website URL for this material (1st material):**

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**Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (2nd material):**

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**A brief description of this material (2nd material):**

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**The website URL for this material (2nd material):**

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**Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (3rd material):**

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**A brief description of this material (3rd material):**

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**The website URL for this material (3rd material):**

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**Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (4th material):**

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**A brief description of this material (4th material):**

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**The website URL for this material (4th material):**

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**Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (5th material):**

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**A brief description of this material (5th material):**

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**The website URL for this material (5th material):**

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**Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (6th material):**

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**A brief description of this material (6th material):**

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**The website URL for this material (6th material):**

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**Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (7th material):**

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**A brief description of this material (7th material):**

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**The website URL for this material (7th material):**

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**Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (8th material):**

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**A brief description of this material (8th material):**

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**The website URL for this material (8th material):**

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# Outreach Campaign

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas

Communications Manager

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution holds at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at students that yields measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability. The sustainability-related outreach campaign may be conducted by the institution, a student organization, or students in a course.

### Part 2

Institution holds at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at employees that yields measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability. The sustainability-related outreach campaign may be conducted by the institution or an employee organization.

The campaign(s) reported for this credit could take the form of a competition (e.g. a residence hall conservation competition), a rating or certification program (e.g. a green labs or green office program), and/or a collective challenge (e.g. a campus-wide drive to achieve a specific sustainability target). A single campus-wide campaign may meet the criteria for both parts of this credit if educating students is a prime feature of the campaign and it is directed at both students and employees.

To measure if a campaign yields measurable, positive results, institutions should compare pre-campaign performance to performance during or after the campaign. The following impacts are not sufficient for this credit:

- Increased awareness
  - Additional members of a mailing list or group
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## Submission Note:

<http://www.drexel.edu/now/features/archive/2013/February/Meatless-Mondays/>

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**Has the institution held at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at students within the previous three years that has yielded measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability?:**

Yes

**Has the institution held at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at employees within the previous three years that has yielded measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability?:**

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**The name of the campaign (1st campaign):**

1) Meatless Mondays; 2) RecycleMania; 3) Drexel Blackout/Campus Conservation Nationals

**A brief description of the campaign (1st campaign):**

(1) Since it began at the beginning of Winter term (January 2013), the Meatless Mondays campaign aims to educate Drexel community about health and environmental impacts of meat consumption in their diet to encourage a personal choice of opting out of meat at least once a week for health and environmental benefits. 2) RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. Over a 10-week period, schools report recycling and trash data which are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate. With each week's reports and rankings, participating schools watch how their results fluctuate against other schools and use this to rally their campus communities to reduce and recycle more. 3) In addition to competing in the annual Recyclemania competition, Drexel holds an annual monthlong Blackout Competition in the residence halls and Fraternity and Sorority houses to raise awareness and reduce electricity consumption in student residences. Beginning in 2012, Drexel held its Blackout in conjunction with the Campus Conservation Nationals, the largest nationwide electricity and water reduction competition on college and university campuses.

**A brief description of the measured positive impact(s) of the campaign (1st campaign):**

(1) Since the beginning of the Meatless Mondays campaign, the Drexel Sierra Club has collected about 90 signatures on a Meatless Monday pledge, which states that the students/faculty commit to going meatless at least one day a week and to instead replace that meat with healthier fruits and vegetables. Other potential positive impacts will be the amount of meat consumed on Mondays in the dining hall and an increase in vegan and vegetarian meal options in dining locations across campus. (2) The recycling rate at Drexel University has increased by 16 percentage points since the university began participating in the annual Recyclemania competition in 2008 (17% in 2007 vs. 33% in 2012). (3) The winners of the May 2011 Drexel Blackout competition lowered their energy consumption by more than 10% over May 2010: Myers Hall had a 11% decrease in energy consumption and the Phi Sigma Sigma/Phi Mu house had a 20% decrease in energy consumption. During the competition, students in all residence halls and Greek houses competed to reduce their energy consumption.

**The website URL where information about the campaign is available (1st campaign):**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/programs\\_recyclemania.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/programs_recyclemania.html)

**The name of the campaign (2nd campaign):**

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**A brief description of the campaign (2nd campaign):**

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**A brief description of the measured positive impact(s) of the campaign (2nd campaign):**

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**The website URL where information about the campaign is available (2nd campaign):**

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**A brief description of other outreach campaigns, including measured positive impacts:**

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# Employee Educators Program

## Criteria

Institution administers or oversees an ongoing faculty/staff peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education program.

In the program, employee sustainability educators are formally designated and receive formal training or participate in an institution-sponsored orientation. The institution offers financial or other support to the program.

This credit recognizes ongoing programs that engage employees on a regular basis. For example, employee educators may represent or be responsible for engaging workers in certain departments or buildings. Thus, a group of employees may be served (i.e. directly targeted) by a program even if not all of these employees avail themselves of the outreach and education offerings.

Training and/or professional development opportunities in sustainability for staff are excluded from this credit. These activities are covered in *EN 8: Staff Professional Development*.

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**Does the institution administer or oversee an ongoing faculty/staff peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education program that meets the criteria for this credit?:**

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**Total number of employees:**

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**Name of the employee educators program (1st program) :**

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**Number of employees served by the program (1st program):**

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**A brief description of how the employee educators are selected (1st program):**

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**A brief description of the formal training that the employee educators receive (1st program):**

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**A brief description of the staff and/or other financial support the institution provides to the program (1st program):**

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**The website URL where information about the program is available (1st program):**

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**Name of the employee educators program (2nd program):**

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**Number of employees served by the program (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of how the employee educators are selected (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of the formal training that the employee educators receive (2nd program):**

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**A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (2nd program):**

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**The website URL where information about the program is available (2nd program):**

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**Name(s) of the employee educator program(s) (all other programs):**

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**Number of employees served by all other programs:**

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**A brief description of how the employee educators are selected (all other programs):**

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**A brief description of the formal training that the employee educators receive (all other programs):**

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**A brief description of the staff and/or other financial support the institution provides to the program(s) (all other programs):**

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**The website URL where information about the program(s) is available (all other programs):**

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# Employee Orientation

## Criteria

Institution covers sustainability topics in new employee orientation and/or in outreach and guidance materials distributed to new employees, including faculty and staff. The topics covered include multiple dimensions of sustainability (i.e. social, environmental and economic).

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**The percentage of new employees that are offered orientation and/or outreach and guidance materials that cover sustainability topics:**

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**A brief description of how sustainability is included in new employee orientation:**

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**The website URL where information about sustainability in new employee orientation is available:**

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# Staff Professional Development

## Criteria

Institution makes available training and/or other professional development opportunities in sustainability to all staff at least once per year.

Separate training opportunities for each department would count for this credit, as long as each staff member has an opportunity to learn about sustainability at least once per year. It is not necessary that each staff member attend such trainings; the credit is based on making training available to all staff.

This credit applies to staff members only; it does not include faculty members.

The following training opportunities are not sufficient for this credit:

- Specialized training for a small group of staff
- The opportunity to participate in an institutional sustainability committee or group

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**Does the institution make available training and/or other professional development opportunities in sustainability to all staff at least once per year?:**

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**A brief description of the sustainability trainings and professional development opportunities available to staff :**

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**The percentage of staff that participated in training and/or other professional development opportunities in sustainability during the previous year:**

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**The website URL where information about staff training opportunities in sustainability is available:**

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# Public Engagement

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that help catalyze sustainable communities through public engagement, community partnerships and service. Engagement in community problem-solving is fundamental to sustainability. By engaging with community members and organizations in the governmental, non-profit and for-profit sectors, institutions can help solve sustainability challenges. Community engagement can help students develop leadership skills while deepening their understandings of practical, real-world problems and the process of creating solutions. Institutions can contribute to their communities by harnessing their financial and academic resources to address community needs and by engaging community members in institutional decisions that affect them. In addition, institutions can contribute toward sustainability broadly through inter-campus collaboration, engagement with external networks and organizations, and public policy advocacy.

<b>Credit</b>
Community Partnerships
Inter-Campus Collaboration
Continuing Education
Community Service
Community Stakeholder Engagement
Participation in Public Policy
Trademark Licensing
Hospital Network

# Community Partnerships

**Responsible Party**

**Irene Tsikitas**  
 Communications Manager  
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**Criteria**

Institution has one or more formal partnership(s) with the local community, including school districts, government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses and/or other entities, to work together to advance sustainability within the community.

Each partnership conforms to one of the following types:

Type of Partnership	Indicators
<p><b>A. Supportive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Scope:</i> Addresses a sustainability topic or a specific aspect of sustainability (e.g. community garden, environmental remediation, community environmental health and education)</li> <li>• <i>Duration:</i> May be time-limited (short-term projects and events), multi-year, or ongoing</li> <li>• <i>Commitment:</i> Institutional involvement may include financial and/or staff support or may be limited to resource sharing and/or endorsement</li> <li>• <i>Governance:</i> Campus and community leaders or representatives are engaged in program/project development</li> </ul>
<p><b>B. Collaborative</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Scope:</i> Addresses one or more sustainability challenge and may simultaneously support social equity and wellbeing, economic prosperity, and ecological health (e.g. a green jobs program in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood)</li> <li>• <i>Duration:</i> May be time-limited, multi-year, or ongoing</li> <li>• <i>Commitment:</i> Institution provides faculty/staff, financial, and/or material support</li> <li>• <i>Governance:</i> Campus and local community members are both engaged in program/project development, from agenda setting and planning to decision-making, implementation and review</li> </ul>

**C.Transformative**

- *Scope:* Catalyzes community resiliency and local/regional sustainability by simultaneously supporting social equity and wellbeing, economic prosperity, and ecological health on a community or regional scale (e.g. “transition” projects and partnerships focused on community adaptation to climate change)
- *Duration:* Is multi-year or ongoing and proposes or plans for institutionalized and systemic change
- *Commitment:* Institution provides faculty/staff and financial or material support
- *Governance:* Partnership has adopted a stakeholder engagement framework through which community members, vulnerable populations, faculty, staff, students and other stakeholders are engaged in program/project development, from agenda setting and planning to decision-making, implementation and review

An institution may have multiple partnerships of each type, however no single partnership may be both supportive and collaborative, collaborative and transformative, or supportive and transformative.

Recognizing the diversity of forms that community partnerships may take, it is not required that a partnership meet all of the criteria listed to be considered supportive or collaborative. A partnership must meet all of the criteria listed to be considered transformative, however. For further guidance in identifying community partnerships that meet the criteria for each type, see the Credit Example in the [STARS Technical Manual](#).

This credit recognizes campus-community partnerships that advance sustainability in an explicit and participatory way. Participatory, community-based research and engaged scholarship around issues of sustainability may be included if it involves formal partnership(s). Although community service activities (e.g. academic service learning, co-curricular service learning and volunteer activities, Work-Study community service and paid community service internships) may involve local partnerships and contribute toward sustainability, they are not included in this credit. Community service is covered by *EN 12: Community Service*.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution have at least one formal sustainability partnership with the local community that meets the criteria as “supportive”?:**

Yes

**A brief description of the institution’s supportive sustainability partnership(s) with the local community:**

Schuylkill River Development Corporation - Senior Vice President Jim Tucker serves as Vice Chair of the SRDC, a public private partnership leading the development of Schuylkill River Banks; UC Green - Drexel provides monetary support to UC Green, an organization that empowers volunteer environmental stewardship in University city and its surrounding communities; Philadelphia Streets Department - Drexel University participates in the Streets Department's annual Philly Spring Cleanup by sending volunteers to clean up public/green spaces in the community; Mantua Urban Peace Garden -- a partnership with Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Mantua Civic Association to implement a community garden at 37th St & Mantua Ave; Urban Tree Connection – builds and maintains community farms in urban areas across city, with a focus in west Philadelphia. CIVC 101 students volunteer with the program during the fall and spring terms. A Drexel Community Scholar has served with the program for a number of years, and Drexel's Lindy Center has partnered with UTC for a local service immersion program in the summer; Uhuru Furniture – resells donated furniture with proceeds benefitting the African-American Community through community health fairs. CIVC 101 students have volunteered to help promote the store; Habitat ReStore – sells housing materials and donated furniture with proceeds used to fund additional Habitat for Humanity projects in Philadelphia. In addition to previously having a Drexel Community Scholar with the program, CIVC 101 students have volunteered to help at the store multiple times each week. A local Habitat student club has also worked with the store; Rebuilding Together Philadelphia – conducts housing repairs at no charge for residents unable to do so. RTP’s Mantua Blockbuild in May will have a large Drexel University presence and recently the Lindy Center awarded RTP a mini-grant for this project. Umar Haveez has served as a Drexel Community Scholar with the site for a number of years and was awarded RTP’s volunteer of the year award; Goodwill – Goodwill Campus Sustainability Data Collector | AASHE

runs a clothing donation drive on campus each Spring/Summer.

**Does the institution have at least one formal sustainability partnership with the local community that meets the criteria as “collaborative”?:**

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**A brief description of the institution's collaborative sustainability partnership(s):**

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**Does the institution have at least one formal sustainability partnership with the local community that meets the criteria as “transformative”?:**

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**A brief description of the institution's transformative sustainability partnership(s) with the local community:**

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**A brief description of the institution’s sustainability partnerships with distant (i.e. non-local) communities:**

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**The website URL where information about sustainability partnerships is available:**

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# Inter-Campus Collaboration

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
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## Criteria

Institution collaborates with other colleges and universities to support and help build the campus sustainability community.

See the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual for guidance on identifying appropriate collaborations.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

## **Does the institution collaborate with other colleges and universities to support and help build the campus sustainability community?:**

Yes

## **A brief summary of papers, guides, presentations, and other resources the institution has developed to share their sustainability experience with other institutions:**

SVP for Student Life and Administrative Services Jim Tucker presented on Sustainability at NACUBO 2010 Annual Conference. In Spring 2013, Tucker also participated in a meeting on "Leading the Way to a Safe & Secure Energy Future" with members of the White House staff, NACUBO, the Higher Education Association and representatives from two other universities. Senior Associate Vice President for Operations Joe Campbell presented with Blue Hill Partners at the 2011 NACUBO Smart Sustainability Workshop. Campbell gave a poster presentation at AASHE 2011 Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference: "Partnerships Achieving Breakthrough Energy and Greenhouse Performance Utilizing Innovative Investment Strategies". VP of Facilities Bob Francis has shared his Green Building expertise in a cover story for Building Operations Management and other trade publications.

## **The names of local, state/provincial, regional, national, or international campus sustainability organizations or consortia in which the institution participates and/or is a member:**

City of Philadelphia's Sustainable Campus Coalition (Kyle Kephart-member)  
AASHE (member)  
Delaware Valley Green Building Council (participant)  
Greater Philadelphia Recycling Council (member)  
PROP- Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (member).  
GREENBUILD 2013- participant  
American College and University President's Climate Commitment (signatory)  
UC Green (chair - Rita LaRue, SAVP of Drexel Business Services)  
[Campus Sustainability Data Collector](#) | [AASHE](#)



Schuylkill River Development Corporation (vice chair- SVP Jim Tucker)  
Philadelphia Streets Department (participant - Philly Spring Cleanup);  
Greenworks Philadelphia Initiative (participant);  
EPA Green Power Partnership (elite member);  
Green Globes-Green Building Initiative (participant in rating system for all construction); State of Pennsylvania Campus Energy Efficiency Fund (inaugural participant);  
Mayor's Facilities Task Force (co-chair - Jim Tucker);  
CAA (Colonial Athletic Association) Sustainability Initiatives;  
Recyclemania (annual participant);  
Campus Conservation Nationals (annual participant);  
Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (affiliate) — Center for Environmental Policy and Urban Sustainability Forum

**A brief summary of additional ways the institution collaborates with other campuses to advance sustainability :**

My Green Cube is an engaging instructional tool, developed by Drexel University, that is designed to teach and reinforce Green concepts to students (k-12 and beyond) with a fun methodology based on Rubik's cube. Each side of the cube presents a "green" theme that can be used as a basis for educational lessons, activities and events (more info at

<http://mygreencube.org>

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Many of Drexel's sustainability lectures and film screenings are open to students at other universities in the area. Drexel Green also publicizes programs and events held at other Philadelphia universities on its website and Facebook page by request. (

<http://www.drexel.edu/green/>

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Through its affiliation with the Academy of Natural Sciences, Drexel has greatly expanded its sustainability outreach over the past two years. The Academy's Center for Environmental Policy holds regular town hall-style events and forums open to the public featuring high-profile national and international speakers, who engage students from across the region on topics related to sustainability, particularly as it applies to urban living. (

<http://www.ansp.org/get-involved/cep/>

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**The website URL where information about cross-campus collaboration is available:**

<http://www.drexel.edu/green/>

# Continuing Education

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution offers continuing education courses that address sustainability.

Courses that address sustainability include continuing education sustainability courses and continuing education courses that include sustainability. Courses that can be taken for academic credit are not included in this credit. They are covered by the Curriculum subcategory.

### *Part 2*

Institution has at least one sustainability-themed certificate program through its continuing education or extension department.

Degree-granting programs (e.g. programs that confer Baccalaureate, Masters, and Associates degrees) and certificates that are part of academic degree programs are not included in this credit. They are covered in the Curriculum subcategory.

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**Does the institution offer continuing education courses that address sustainability?:**

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**Number of continuing education courses offered that address sustainability:**

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**Total number of continuing education courses offered:**

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**A copy of the list and brief descriptions of the continuing education courses that address sustainability:**

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**A list and brief descriptions of the continuing education courses that address sustainability:**

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**Does the institution have at least one sustainability-themed certificate program through its continuing education or extension department?:**

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**A brief description of the certificate program:**

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**Year the certificate program was created:**

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**The website URL where information about sustainability in continuing education courses is available :**

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# Community Service

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution engages its student body in community service, as measured by the percentage of students who participate in community service.

### *Part 2*

Institution engages students in community service, as measured by the average hours contributed per full-time student per year.

Institutions may exclude non-credit, continuing education, and/or part-time students from this credit.

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**Number of students engaged in community service:**

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**Total number of students :**

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**Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (community service hours)?:**

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**Total number of student community service hours contributed during a one-year period:**

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**Does the institution include community service achievements on student transcripts?:**

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**A brief description of the practice of including community service on transcripts, if applicable:**

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**Does the institution provide incentives for employees to participate in community service (on- or off-campus)?:**

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**A brief description of the institution's employee community service initiatives:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's community service initiatives is available:**

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# Community Stakeholder Engagement

## Criteria

Institution has adopted a framework for community stakeholder engagement in governance, strategy and operations. The framework includes:

1) Policies and procedures that ensure community stakeholder engagement is applied systematically and regularly across the institution's activities (e.g. planning and development efforts, capital investment projects, and/or other activities and decisions that affect the broader community)

And

2) Established practices to identify and engage relevant community stakeholders, including any vulnerable or underrepresented groups.

Frameworks adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

This credit does not include the engagement of internal campus stakeholders (e.g. students, faculty and staff); internal stakeholder engagement is covered in *PA 3: Governance*.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Participation in Public Policy

## Criteria

Institution advocates for national, state/provincial, or local public policies that support campus sustainability or that otherwise advance sustainability.

The policy advocacy must be done by the institution, not by students or a student group. This credit acknowledges institutions that advocate for policy changes and legislation to advance sustainability broadly. Advocacy efforts that are made exclusively to advance the institution's interests or projects may not be counted. For example, advocating for government funding for campus sustainability may be counted, whereas lobbying for the institution to receive funds that have already been appropriated may not.

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**Does the institution advocate for national, state/provincial, or local public policies that support campus sustainability or that otherwise advance sustainability?:**

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**A brief description of how the institution engages in public policy advocacy for sustainability, including the issues, legislation, and ordinances for or against which the institution has advocated:**

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**A brief description of other political positions the institution has taken during the previous three years:**

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**A brief description of political donations the institution made during the previous three years (if applicable):**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's advocacy efforts is available:**

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# Trademark Licensing

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution is a member of the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and/or the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC).

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### Submission Note:

The University's apparel vendor, Barnes & Noble, is a member of the Fair Labor Association.

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**Is the institution a member of the Worker Rights Consortium?:**

No

**Is the institution a member of the Fair Labor Association? :**

Yes

**Has the institution expressed an intention to participate in the WRC's Designated Suppliers Program? :**

No

**The website URL where information about the institution's participation in the WRC, FLA, and/or DSP is available:**

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# Hospital Network

## Criteria

Institution's affiliated hospital or health system is a member of the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Network, the Healthier Hospitals Initiative and/or Practice Greenhealth.

This credit includes hospitals and health systems that are formally affiliated with a higher education institution (sometimes called "university hospitals"). Other types of health care providers (e.g. insurers through which an institution obtains health care for its employees) are not included.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Operations

## Air & Climate

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are measuring and reducing their greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions. Global climate change is having myriad negative impacts throughout the world, including increased frequency and potency of extreme weather events, sea level rise, species extinction, water shortages, declining agricultural production, and spread of diseases. The impacts are particularly pronounced for low-income communities and countries. In addition, institutions that inventory and take steps to reduce their air pollutant emissions can positively impact the health of the campus community, as well as the health of their local communities and regions.

<b>Credit</b>
Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Outdoor Air Quality

# Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**

Communications Manager

SLAS

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## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution has conducted a publicly available greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory that includes, at minimum, Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions and may also include Scope 3 GHG emissions. The inventory may be validated internally by campus personnel who are independent of the GHG accounting and reporting process and/or verified by an independent, external third party.

### *Part 2*

Institution reduced its adjusted net Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions per weighted campus user compared to a baseline.

### *Part 3*

Institution's annual adjusted net Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are less than the minimum performance threshold of 0.02 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO<sub>2e</sub>) per gross square foot (0.002 MtCO<sub>2e</sub> per gross square metre) of floor area.

Performance for Part 3 of this credit is assessed using EUI-adjusted floor area, a figure that accounts for significant differences in energy use intensity (EUI) between types of building space.

For this credit, the following carbon offsets may be counted:

1. Institution-catalyzed carbon offsets (popularly known as "local offsets")
2. Carbon sequestration due to land that the institution manages specifically for sequestration (as documented in policies, land management plans or the equivalent)
3. Carbon storage from on-site composting
4. Third-party verified purchased carbon offsets

Purchased Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) that are either Green-e Energy certified or meet Green-e Energy's technical requirements and are verified as such by a third party may be counted as zero emissions energy for purposes of Scope 2 GHG accounting.

Purchased carbon offsets and RECs that have not been third-party verified do not count.

Institutions that have sold or transferred emissions reductions, e.g. in the form of verified emissions reductions (VERs), may not count those reductions toward this credit.

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## **Submission Note:**

Performance year = FY2011; Source of 2005 estimated data comes from FY2008 GHG Inventory (performed by Pennoni Associates), historical Greenhouse Gas Profile chart on page 3.

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**Does the institution's GHG emissions inventory include all Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions?:**

Yes

**Does the institution's GHG emissions inventory include all Scope 3 GHG emissions from any of the following categories?:**

	Yes or No
<b>Business travel</b>	---
<b>Commuting</b>	---
<b>Purchased goods and services</b>	---
<b>Capital goods</b>	---
<b>Fuel- and energy-related activities not included in Scope 1 or Scope 2</b>	---
<b>Waste generated in operations</b>	---

**Does the institution's GHG emissions inventory include Scope 3 emissions from other categories?:**

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**A brief description of the methodology and/or tool used to complete the GHG emissions inventory:**

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**Has the GHG emissions inventory been validated internally by personnel who are independent of the GHG accounting and reporting process and/or verified by an independent, external third party?:**

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**A brief description of the internal and/or external verification process:**

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**Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions::**

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
Scope 1 GHG emissions from stationary combustion	---	---
Scope 1 GHG emissions from other sources	---	---
Scope 2 GHG emissions from purchased electricity	---	---
Scope 2 GHG emissions from other sources	---	---

**Figures needed to determine total carbon offsets::**

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
Institution-catalyzed carbon offsets generated	<i>0 Metric Tons of CO2 Equivalent</i>	<i>0 Metric Tons of CO2 Equivalent</i>
Carbon sequestration due to land that the institution manages specifically for sequestration	---	---
Carbon storage from on-site composting	---	---
Third-party verified carbon offsets purchased	<i>18,256 Metric Tons of CO2 Equivalent</i>	<i>0 Metric Tons of CO2 Equivalent</i>

**A brief description of the institution-catalyzed carbon offsets program:**

N/A

**A brief description of the carbon sequestration program and reporting protocol used:**

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**A brief description of the composting and carbon storage program:**

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**A brief description of the purchased carbon offsets, including third party verifier(s) and contract timeframes:**

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**Figures needed to determine “Weighted Campus Users”::**

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
Number of residential students	---	---
Number of residential employees	---	---
Number of in-patient hospital beds	---	---
Full-time equivalent enrollment	---	---
Full-time equivalent of employees	---	---
Full-time equivalent of distance education students	---	---

**Start and end dates of the performance year and baseline year (or three-year periods):**

	Start Date	End Date
Performance Year	---	---
Baseline Year	---	---

**A brief description of when and why the GHG emissions baseline was adopted:**

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**Gross floor area of building space, performance year:**

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**Floor area of energy intensive building space, performance year:**

	Floor Area
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Laboratory space	---
Healthcare space	---
Other energy intensive space	---

**Scope 3 GHG emissions, performance year::**

	Emissions
Business travel	---
Commuting	---
Purchased goods and services	---
Capital goods	---
Fuel- and energy-related activities not included in Scope 1 or Scope 2	---
Waste generated in operations	---
Other categories (please specify below)	---

**A brief description of the sources included in Scope 3 GHG emissions from "other categories":**

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**A copy of the most recent GHG emissions inventory:**

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**The website URL where the GHG emissions inventory is posted:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects\\_greenhouse.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects_greenhouse.html)

**A brief description of the institution's GHG emissions reduction initiatives, including efforts made during the previous three years:**

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# Outdoor Air Quality

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution has adopted policies or guidelines to improve outdoor air quality and minimize air pollutant emissions from mobile sources. Policies and/or guidelines may include, but are not limited to, prohibiting vehicle idling, restrictions on the use of powered lawn care equipment, and other strategies for minimizing mobile emissions.

Policies adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for Part 1 of this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

### *Part 2*

Institution has completed an inventory of significant air emissions from stationary sources on campus. Significant emissions include nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>), and other standard categories of air emissions identified in environmental permits held by the institution, international conventions, and/or national laws or regulations.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.



# Buildings

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are taking steps to improve the sustainability performance of their buildings. Buildings are generally the largest user of energy and the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions on campuses. Buildings also use significant amounts of potable water. Institutions can design, build, and maintain buildings in ways that provide a safe and healthy indoor environment for inhabitants while simultaneously mitigating the building's impact on the outdoor environment.

<b>Credit</b>
Building Operations and Maintenance
Building Design and Construction
Indoor Air Quality

# Building Operations and Maintenance

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution owns and operates buildings that are:

1) Certified under a green building rating system for existing buildings, e.g. LEED® for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance (O&M)

And/or

2) Operated and maintained in accordance with formally adopted sustainable operations and maintenance guidelines and policies that cover all of the following:

- Impacts on the surrounding site
- Energy consumption
- Building-level energy metering
- Usage of environmentally preferable materials
- Indoor environmental quality
- Water consumption
- Building-level water metering

Building space that meets multiple criteria listed above should not be double-counted.

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## Submission Note:

GSF data based on Sightlines FY2012 Data, plus the addition of the 177,500 GSF LeBow College of Business Building in FY2013, and includes University City Campus only, excluding the LEED Gold Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building, which opened in 2011 and is covered under OP Credit 2. Building space maintained in accordance with sustainable building operations and maintenance guidelines or policies was calculated using a methodology that averaged the percentages of building space: 1) In which Green Cleaning policies and products are used (see attached policy); 2) That use Building Automation Systems to control mechanical and electrical systems (see Energy Management System credit); 3) That are covered by Drexel's Water Reduction initiative ([http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects\\_water.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects_water.html)); 4) That follow the University's Recycling/Waste Reduction policies (<http://drexel.edu/facilities/wasteRecycling/recyclingProgram/>); and that 5) Require Environmental Health and Safety review before work orders can be approved. This methodology yielded a percentage of 87.8% of total eligible building space following sustainable operations and maintenance guidelines.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution have any building space certified under the following green building rating systems for existing buildings?:**

	Yes or No
<b>LEED for Existing Buildings or another 4-tier rating system used by an Established Green Building Council (GBC)</b>	---
<b>The DGNB system, Green Star Performance, or another 3-tier GBC rating system</b>	---
<b>BREEAM-In Use, CASBEE for Existing Building, or another 5-tier GBC rating system</b>	---
<b>Other non-GBC rating systems (e.g. BOMA BESt, Green Globes)</b>	---

**A brief description of the green building rating system(s) used and/or a list or sample of certified buildings and ratings:**

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**Total floor area of eligible building space (operations and maintenance):**

*3,768,780 Square Feet*

**Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 4-tier rating system for existing buildings used by an Established Green Building Council::**

	Certified Floor Area
<b>Minimum Level (e.g. LEED Certified)</b>	<i>0 Square Feet</i>
<b>3rd Highest Level (e.g. LEED Silver)</b>	<i>0 Square Feet</i>
<b>2nd Highest Level (e.g. LEED Gold)</b>	<i>0 Square Feet</i>
<b>Highest Achievable Level (e.g. LEED Platinum)</b>	<i>0 Square Feet</i>

**Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 3-tier rating system for existing buildings used by an Established Green Building Council::**

	Certified Floor Area
Minimum Level	---
Mid-Level	---
Highest Achievable Level	---

**Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 5-tier rating system for existing buildings used by an Established Green Building Council::**

	Certified Floor Area
Minimum Level	---
4th Highest Level	---
Mid-Level	---
2nd Highest Level	---
Highest Achievable Level	---

**Floor area of building space that is certified at any level under other green building rating systems for existing buildings:**

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**Floor area of building space that is maintained in accordance with formally adopted sustainable building operations and maintenance guidelines or policies, but NOT certified:**

3,060,194 *Square Feet*

**A copy of the sustainable building operations and maintenance guidelines or policies:**

[SOP DREX.pdf](#)

**The date the guidelines or policies were formally adopted:**

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**A brief description of the sustainable building operations and maintenance program and/or a list or sample of buildings covered:**

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**A brief description of how the institution ensures compliance with sustainable building operation and maintenance guidelines and policies:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's certified buildings and/or sustainable operations and maintenance guidelines or policies is available:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/about\\_facts.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/about_facts.html)

# Building Design and Construction

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
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## Criteria

Institution-owned buildings that were constructed or underwent major renovations in the previous five years are:

1) Certified under a green building rating system for new construction and major renovations (e.g. the LEED® for New Construction and Major Renovations, LEED for Commercial Interiors, LEED for Healthcare, and/or LEED for Core and Shell Green Building Rating Systems)

2) Certified Living under the Living Building Challenge (LBC)

And/or

3) Designed and built in accordance with formally adopted green building guidelines and policies that cover all of the following topics:

- Impacts on the surrounding site
- Energy consumption
- Building-level energy metering
- Usage of environmentally preferable materials
- Indoor environmental quality
- Water consumption
- Building-level water metering

Building space that meets multiple criteria listed above should not be double-counted.

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### Submission Note:

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects\\_assessment.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects_assessment.html)

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution have any building space certified under the following green building rating systems for new construction and major renovations?:**

	Yes or No
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<b>LEED or another 4-tier rating system used by an Established Green Building Council (GBC)</b>	---
<b>The DGNB system, Green Star, or another 3-tier GBC rating system</b>	---
<b>BREEAM, CASBEE, or another 5-tier GBC rating system</b>	---
<b>The Living Building Challenge</b>	---
<b>Other non-GBC rating systems (e.g. BOMA BEST, Green Globes)</b>	---

**A brief description of the green building rating system(s) used and/or a list of certified buildings and ratings:**

Constantine N. Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building

**Total floor area of eligible building space (design and construction):**

580,919 *Square Feet*

**Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 4-tier rating system for new construction and major renovations used by an Established Green Building Council::**

	<b>Certified Floor Area</b>
<b>Minimum Level (e.g. LEED Certified)</b>	<i>0 Square Feet</i>
<b>3rd Highest Level (e.g. LEED Silver)</b>	<i>0 Square Feet</i>
<b>2nd Highest Level (e.g. LEED Gold)</b>	<i>133,847 Square Feet</i>
<b>Highest Achievable Level (e.g. LEED Platinum)</b>	<i>0 Square Feet</i>

**Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 3-tier rating system for new construction and major renovations used by an Established Green Building Council::**

	<b>Certified Floor Area</b>
<b>Minimum Level</b>	---

Mid-Level	---
Highest Achievable Level	---

**Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 5-tier rating system for new construction and major renovations used by an Established Green Building Council::**

	Certified Floor Area
Minimum Level	---
4th Highest Level	---
Mid-Level	---
2nd Highest Level	---
Highest Achievable Level	---

**Floor area of building space certified Living under the Living Building Challenge:**

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**Floor area of building space that is certified at any level under other green building rating systems for new construction and major renovations:**

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**Floor area of building space that was designed and constructed in accordance with green building policies or guidelines but NOT certified:**

*447,072 Square Feet*

**A copy of the guidelines or policies :**

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**The date the guidelines or policies were adopted:**

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**A brief description of the green building guidelines or policies and/or a list or sample of buildings covered:**

URBN Center; Drexel Recreation Center; Northside Dining Terrace; Library Learning Terrace; Gerri C. LeBow Hall



**A brief description of how the institution ensures compliance with green building design and construction guidelines and policies:**

Drexel University is the first university in the country to commit to using Green Globes®, the Green Building Initiative's™ (GBI) independent environmental impact monitoring system, comprehensively through university policy, for all new construction and existing campus buildings. Green Globes is a web-enabled green building management tool that includes an assessment protocol, rating system and a framework of guidance for integrating environmentally friendly design and operation into buildings. A third-party independent assessment process is completed one year after occupancy, and results in a ranking based on Green Globes metrics.

Guidelines for Sustainable Building Designs and policies have been designed to express University Facilities' commitment to sustainable development: strengthening the message that it is essential to seek economic prosperity, environmental protection, and social equity together.

**The website URL where information about the institution's certified buildings and/or green building design and construction guidelines or policies is available:**

<http://www.drexel.edu/facilities/design/standards/>

# Indoor Air Quality

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution has an indoor air quality (IAQ) management program that includes regular auditing or monitoring, a mechanism for occupants to register complaints, and action plans to implement any corrective measures required in response to audits, monitoring or complaints.

Policies and plans adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

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## Floor area of building space covered by an indoor air quality (IAQ) management program that meets the criteria for this credit:

0 Square Feet

## Gross floor area of building space:

4,410,266 Square Feet

## A brief description of the institution's indoor air quality program(s):

The University does not continuously audit or monitor indoor air quality, but has a mechanism for registering complaints about indoor air quality and procedures in place for investigating such complaints. When complaints come in, Environmental Health & Safety does an initial site visit, tries to find out the nature of the complaint, and develops a plan for assessing it based on the needs. Procedures include visual inspection, various types of monitoring and a detailed analysis of the HVAC system.

## The website URL where information about the institution's indoor air quality program(s) is available:

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## Dining Services

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are supporting a sustainable food system. Modern industrial food production often has deleterious environmental and social impacts. Pesticides and fertilizers used in agriculture can contaminate ground and surface water and soil, which can in turn have potentially dangerous impacts on wildlife and human health. The production of animal-derived foods often subjects animals to inhumane treatment and animal products have a higher per-calorie environmental intensity than plant-based foods. Additionally, farm workers are often directly exposed to dangerous pesticides, subjected to harsh working conditions, and paid substandard wages. Furthermore, food is often transported long distance to institutions, producing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution, as well as undermining the resiliency of local communities.

Institutions can use their purchasing power to require transparency from their distributors and find out where the food comes from, how it was produced, and how far it traveled. Institutions can use their food purchases to support their local economies; encourage safe, environmentally-friendly and humane farming methods; and help eliminate unsafe working conditions and alleviate poverty for farmers. These actions help reduce environmental impacts, preserve regional farmland, improve local food security, and support fair and resilient food systems.

Please note that while dining services can also play an important role in conserving energy and water, reducing waste, and purchasing environmentally preferable materials other than food, STARS measures these impacts across the institution instead of by department; therefore, the benefits of these actions are captured in the Energy, Water, Waste, and Purchasing subcategories, respectively.

<b>Credit</b>
Food and Beverage Purchasing
Low Impact Dining

# Food and Beverage Purchasing

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas

Communications Manager

SLAS

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution's dining services purchase food and beverages that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Local and community-based

And/or

- Third party verified to be ecologically sound, fair and/or humane

Food and beverage purchases that meet both criteria listed above (e.g. local community-based products that are Certified Organic) should not be double-counted.

Local community- based products:

- Are sourced from local community-based producers (directly or through distributors)
- Contain raw ingredients (excluding water) that are third party verified and/or locally harvested and produced (e.g. bread made with Organic flour or local honey) and
- Exclude products from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), products that have minimal nutritional value (e.g. soda, chewing gum, candies made predominantly from sweeteners), and products from producers that have been convicted of one or more labor law violations within the previous three years

Products that are not local and community-based must be third party verified to count. Recognized third party standards and certifications for food and beverages are outlined in the [STARS Technical Manual](#). Institutions located outside the U.S. and Canada may use additional third party certifications to identify ecologically sound, fair and humane products, provided the certifications are reported in "Notes about this submission".

Part 1 of this credit includes food and beverage purchases for on-campus dining operations and catering services operated by the institution or the institution's primary dining services contractor (e.g. Aramark, Bon Appétit Management Company, Chartwells, Sodexo). On-site franchises, convenience stores, vending services, and concessions are excluded from Part 1.

### Part 2

Institution's on-site franchises, convenience stores, vending services, and/or concessions purchase food and beverages that are third party verified and/or locally sourced (i.e. meet the criteria outlined in Part 1).

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Percentage of dining services food and beverage expenditures that are local and community-based and/or third party verified:**

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**A copy of an inventory, list or sample of sustainable food and beverage purchases:**

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**An inventory, list or sample of sustainable food and beverage purchases:**

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**Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (food and beverage expenditures for on-site franchises, convenience stores, vending services, or concessions)?:**

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**Percentage of on-site franchise, convenience store, vending services, and concessions food and beverage purchases that are local and community-based and/or third party verified:**

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**A copy of an inventory, list or sample of on-site franchise, convenience store, vending machine, and/or concessions food and beverage purchases that are sustainably produced:**

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**An inventory, list or sample of on-site franchise, convenience store, vending machine, and/or concessions food and beverage purchases that are sustainably produced:**

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**A brief description of the sustainable food and beverage purchasing program:**

Drexel Campus Dining sources food from more than 35 local farms/producers throughout the year, accounting for approximately 30% of total food purchases during Summer months and about 10% during Winter months due to availability.

100% of our milk is from local dairy cows.

We use cage free eggs in all locations across campus.

**A brief description of the methodology used to track/inventory sustainable food and beverage purchases:**

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**Total annual food and beverage expenditures:**

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Which of the following food service providers are present on campus and included in the total food and beverage expenditure figures?:

	Present?	Included?
Dining operations and catering services operated by the institution	---	---
Dining operations and catering services operated by a contractor	---	---
Franchises	---	---
Convenience stores	---	---
Vending services	---	---
Concessions	---	---

Has the institution achieved the following?:

	Yes or No
Fair Trade Campus, College or University status	---
Certification under the Green Seal Standard for Restaurants and Food Services (GS-46)	---
Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification	---
Signatory of the Real Food Campus Commitment (U.S.)	---

A brief description of other sustainable restaurant and food service standards that the institution's dining services operations are certified under:

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The website URL where information about the institution's sustainable food and beverage purchasing efforts is available:

<http://www.drexelcampusdining.com/social.html>

# Low Impact Dining

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Conventionally produced animal products comprise less than 30 percent of the institution's total dining services food purchases.

Conventionally produced animal products include all food products that contain animal derived (i.e. meat, fish, egg, dairy) ingredients that have not been verified to be sustainably produced. Sustainably produced animal products have been either:

- Third party verified to be ecologically sound and/or humane (see *OP 6: Food and Beverage Purchasing*)

Or

- Verified by the institution to be both ecologically sound and humane (e.g. "Pasture Raised", "Grass Fed" or "Humanely Raised") through a relationship with a local producer

### *Part 2*

Institution:

- Offers diverse, complete-protein vegan options at all meals in at least one dining facility on campus

And

- Provides labels and/or signage that distinguishes between vegan, vegetarian (not vegan), and other items

This credit includes on-campus dining operations and catering services operated by the institution or the institution's primary dining services contractor. On-site franchises, convenience stores, vending machines, and concessions should be excluded to the extent feasible.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Energy

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are reducing their energy consumption through conservation and efficiency, and switching to cleaner and renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, geothermal, and low-impact hydropower. For most institutions, energy consumption is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, which cause global climate change. Global climate change is having myriad negative impacts throughout the world, including increased frequency and potency of extreme weather events, sea level rise, species extinction, water shortages, declining agricultural production, ocean acidification, and spread of diseases. The impacts are particularly pronounced for vulnerable and poor communities and countries. In addition to causing global climate change, energy generation from fossil fuels, especially coal, produces air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, dioxins, arsenic, cadmium and lead. These pollutants contribute to acid rain as well as health problems such as heart and respiratory diseases and cancer. Coal mining and oil and gas drilling can also damage environmentally and/or culturally significant ecosystems. Nuclear power creates highly toxic and long-lasting radioactive waste. Large-scale hydropower projects flood habitats and disrupt fish migration and can involve the relocation of entire communities.

Implementing conservation measures and switching to renewable sources of energy can help institutions save money and protect them from utility rate volatility. Renewable energy may be generated locally and allow campuses to support local economic development. Furthermore, institutions can help shape markets by creating demand for cleaner, renewable sources of energy.

<b>Credit</b>
Building Energy Consumption
Clean and Renewable Energy



# Building Energy Consumption

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution has reduced its total building energy consumption per gross square foot/metre of floor area compared to a baseline.

### Part 2

Institution's annual building energy consumption is less than the minimum performance threshold of 28 Btu per gross square foot (2.6 Btu per gross square metre) of floor area per degree day.

Performance for Part 2 of this credit is assessed using EUI-adjusted floor area, a figure that accounts for significant differences in energy use intensity (EUI) between types of building space.

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### Submission Note:

Source: Sightlines, University City Campus Only

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### Total building energy consumption, all sources (transportation fuels excluded):

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
<b>Total building energy consumption</b>	354,328 <i>MMBtu</i>	275,321 <i>MMBtu</i>

### Purchased electricity and steam:

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
<b>Grid-purchased electricity</b>	---	---
<b>District steam/hot water</b>	---	---

### Gross floor area of building space::

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
Gross floor area	3,591,280 <i>Gross Square Feet</i>	3,062,597 <i>Gross Square Feet</i>

**Floor area of energy intensive space, performance year::**

	Floor Area
Laboratory space	---
Healthcare space	---
Other energy intensive space	

**Degree days, performance year (base 65 °F / 18 °C)::**

	Degree Days
Heating degree days	---
Cooling degree days	---

**Source-site ratios::**

	Source-Site Ratio (1.0 - 5.0; see help icon above)
Grid-purchased electricity	---
District steam/hot water	---

**Start and end dates of the performance year and baseline year (or 3-year periods)::**

	Start Date	End Date
Performance Year	---	---
Baseline Year	---	---

**A brief description of when and why the building energy consumption baseline was adopted:**

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**A brief description of any building temperature standards employed by the institution:**

More than half of the campus uses computerized building automation systems to turn on/off heating and cooling systems or adjust their setpoints during occupied and non-occupied hours.

**A brief description of any light emitting diode (LED) lighting employed by the institution:**

Mitchell Auditorium in Bossone and the auditorium in Main Building use LED lighting. Medium base PAR LED lamps are used in recessed ceiling fixtures to light these auditoriums

**A brief description of any occupancy and/or vacancy sensors employed by the institution:**

In academic, administrative, lab, and classroom buildings infrared and acoustic occupancy sensors are used to control lights and in some cases hvac. Outdoor light sensors are used to turn on-off public area exterior lighting

**A brief description of any passive solar heating employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any ground-source heat pumps employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any cogeneration technologies employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any building recommissioning or retrofit program employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any energy metering and management systems employed by the institution:**

Drexel University monitors electrical consumption and steam consumption in several academic buildings. 90% of non-residence University buildings have Building Automation System (BAS) controls.

**A brief description of the institution's program to replace energy-consuming appliances, equipment and systems with high efficiency alternatives:**

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**A brief description of any energy-efficient landscape design initiatives employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any vending machine sensors, lightless machines, or LED-lit machines employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of other energy conservation and efficiency initiatives employed by the institution:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's energy conservation and efficiency initiatives is available:**

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas

Communications Manager

SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution supports the development and use of clean and renewable energy sources, using any one or combination of the following options.

Option 1:

Generating electricity from clean and renewable energy sources on campus and retaining or retiring the rights to the environmental attributes of such electricity. (In other words, if the institution has sold Renewable Energy Credits for the clean and renewable energy it generated, it may not claim such energy here.) The on-site renewable energy generating devices may be owned and/or maintained by another party as long as the institution has contractual rights to the associated environmental attributes.

Option 2:

Using renewable sources for non-electric, on-site energy generation, such as biomass for heating.

Option 3:

Catalyzing the development of off-site clean and renewable energy sources (e.g. an off-campus wind farm that was designed and built to supply electricity to the institution) and retaining the environmental attributes of that energy.

Option 4:

Purchasing the environmental attributes of electricity in the form of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) or other similar renewable energy products that are either Green-e Energy certified or meet Green-e Energy's technical requirements and are verified as such by a third party, or purchasing renewable electricity through the institution's electric utility through a certified green power purchasing option.

Since this credit is intended to recognize institutions that are actively supporting the development and use of clean and renewable energy, neither the electric grid mix for the region in which the institution is located nor the grid mix reported by the electric utility that serves the institution count for this credit.

The following renewable systems are eligible for this credit:

- Concentrated solar thermal
- Geothermal systems that generate electricity
- Low-impact hydroelectric power
- Solar photovoltaic
- Wave and tidal power

- Wind

Biofuels from the following sources are eligible:

- Agricultural crops
- Agricultural waste
- Animal waste
- Landfill gas
- Untreated wood waste
- Other organic waste

Technologies that reduce the amount of energy used but do not generate renewable energy do not count for this credit. For example, daylighting, passive solar design, and ground-source heat pumps are not counted in this credit. The benefits of such strategies, as well as improved efficiencies achieved through using cogeneration technologies, are captured by *OP 1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions* and *OP 8: Building Energy Consumption*.

Transportation fuels, which are covered by *OP 1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions* and *OP 18: Campus Fleet*, are not included in this credit.

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**Clean and renewable energy from the following sources::**

	Performance Year
<b>Option 1: Clean and renewable electricity generated on-site during the performance year and for which the institution retains or has retired the associated environmental attributes</b>	0 MMBtu
<b>Option 2: Non-electric renewable energy generated on-site</b>	0 MMBtu
<b>Option 3: Clean and renewable electricity generated by off-site projects that the institution catalyzed and for which the institution retains or has retired the associated environmental attributes</b>	0 MMBtu
<b>Option 4: Purchased third-party certified RECs and similar renewable energy products (including renewable electricity purchased through a certified green power purchasing option)</b>	206,933 MMBtu

**Total energy consumption, performance year:**

354,328 MMBtu

**A brief description of on-site renewable electricity generating devices :**

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**A brief description of on-site renewable non-electric energy devices:**

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**A brief description of off-site, institution-catalyzed, renewable electricity generating devices:**

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**A brief description of the RECs and/or similar renewable energy products:**

Drexel purchased Renewable Energy Certificates from Community Energy equal to 100 percent of its electrical energy use.

**The website URL where information about the institution's renewable energy sources is available:**

<http://www.drexel.edu/slas/news/featureStories/WindSolarPower/>

# Grounds

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that plan and maintain their grounds with sustainability in mind. Beautiful and welcoming campus grounds can be planned, planted, and maintained in any region while minimizing the use of toxic chemicals, protecting wildlife habitat, and conserving water and resources.

<b>Credit</b>
Landscape Management
Biodiversity



# Landscape Management

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution's grounds include areas that are managed at one or more of the following levels:

- 1) Managed in accordance with an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan
- 2) Managed in accordance with a sustainable landscape management program

And/or

- 3) Organic, certified and/or protected

The level at which an area of grounds is managed may be determined as outlined in the table below:

Management Level	Standards and/or Certifications Required
1) IPM Plan	IPM plan calls for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using least-toxic chemical pesticides,</li><li>• Minimum use of chemicals, and</li><li>• Use of chemicals only in targeted locations and only for targeted species</li></ul>

<p>2) Sustainable Landscape Management Program</p>	<p>The program includes formally adopted guidelines, policies and/or practices that cover all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated pest management (see above)</li> <li>• Plant stewardship - protecting and using existing vegetation (e.g. through the use of a tree care plan), using native and ecologically appropriate plants, and controlling and managing invasive species</li> <li>• Soil stewardship - organic soils management practices that restore and/or maintain a natural nutrient cycle and limit the use of inorganic fertilizers and chemicals</li> <li>• Use of environmentally preferable materials - utilizing reused, recycled and local and sustainably produced landscape materials</li> <li>• Hydrology and water use - restoring and/or maintaining the integrity of the natural hydrology by promoting water infiltration, minimizing or eliminating the use of potable water for irrigation, and protecting/restoring riparian, wetland, and shoreline habitats and lost streams</li> <li>• Materials management and waste minimization - composting and/or mulching waste from groundskeeping, including grass trimmings</li> <li>• Snow and ice management (if applicable) - implementing technologies or strategies to reduce the environmental impacts of snow and ice removal</li> </ul>
<p>3) Organic, Certified and/or Protected</p>	<p>Protected areas and land that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintained in accordance with an organic land care standard or sustainable landscape management program that has eliminated the use of inorganic fertilizers and chemical pesticides, fungicides and herbicides in favor of ecologically preferable materials</li> <li>• Certified Organic</li> <li>• Certified under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management standard</li> <li>• Certified under the Sustainable Sites Initiative™ (SITES™) and/or</li> <li>• Managed specifically for carbon sequestration (as documented in policies, land management plans or the equivalent)</li> </ul>

Land that meets multiple criteria should not be double-counted. An area of grounds that does not meet the standards specified for a particular management level should be reported at the next appropriate level for which it does meet the standards. For example, a landscape management program that includes an IPM plan and meets some, but not all, of the other standards listed for a sustainable landscape management plan should be reported at level 1 (IPM Plan).

**Submission Note:**

Acres totals are for the entire University City Campus, not just green space. Green space = 22.2 acres.

**Figures required to calculate the total area of managed grounds::**

	<b>Area</b>
<b>Total campus area</b>	<i>92 Acres</i>
<b>Footprint of the institution's buildings</b>	---
<b>Area of undeveloped land, excluding any protected areas</b>	---

**Area of managed grounds that is::**

	<b>Area</b>
<b>Managed in accordance with an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan</b>	<i>92 Acres</i>
<b>Managed in accordance with a sustainable landscape management program that includes an IPM plan and otherwise meets the criteria outlined</b>	---
<b>Managed organically, third party certified and/or protected</b>	---

**A copy of the IPM plan:**

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**The IPM plan :**

Integrated Pest Management is practiced throughout the entire University. Our vendors are contracted to monitor, identify, and control pests in the most chemical free and environmentally friendly way possible. Only in rare cases are chemicals used to treat any pests on our campus. Prevention is our number one tool in pest control. We educate our users in ways to keep their areas pest free so that exterminators are not needed. We also incorporate horticulturally correct techniques in our landscapes that require little to no chemical use to control insects and weeds. It is our goal to prevent use of any chemicals whenever physically possible and instead rely on techniques like heat treatments if needed.

**A brief summary of the institution’s approach to sustainable landscape management:**

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**A brief description of how the institution protects and uses existing vegetation, uses native and ecologically appropriate plants, and controls and manages invasive species:**

On all new and renovated landscape areas, only native plants are used.

**A brief description of the institution's landscape materials management and waste minimization policies and practices:**

Drexel's recycling program operates a composting center to aid in the removal of cut grass, leaves and tree limbs from the waste stream. About 20-30 tons of compost are made each year at Vidas Athletic Complex.

**A brief description of the institution's organic soils management practices:**

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**A brief description of the institution's use of environmentally preferable materials in landscaping and grounds management:**

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**A brief description of how the institution restores and/or maintains the integrity of the natural hydrology of the campus:**

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**A brief description of how the institution reduces the environmental impacts of snow and ice removal (if applicable):**

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**A brief description of any certified and/or protected areas:**

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**Is the institution recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus USA program (if applicable)?:**

No

**The website URL where information about the institution's sustainable landscape management programs and practices is available:**

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# Biodiversity

## Criteria

The institution conducts one or both of the following:

- An assessment to identify endangered and vulnerable species (including migratory species) with habitats on institution-owned or -managed land

And/or

- An assessment to identify environmentally sensitive areas on institution-owned or -managed land

The institution has plans or programs in place to protect or positively affect the species, habitats and/or environmentally sensitive areas identified.

Assessments conducted and programs adopted by other entities (e.g. government, university system, NGO) may count for this credit as long as the assessments and programs apply to and are followed by the institution.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Purchasing

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are using their purchasing power to help build a sustainable economy. Collectively, colleges and universities spend many billions of dollars on goods and services annually. Each purchasing decision represents an opportunity for institutions to choose environmentally and socially preferable products and services and support companies with strong commitments to sustainability.

<b>Credit</b>
Electronics Purchasing
Cleaning Products Purchasing
Office Paper Purchasing
Inclusive and Local Purchasing
Life Cycle Cost Analysis
Guidelines for Business Partners

# Electronics Purchasing

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas

Communications Manager

SLAS

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution has an institution-wide stated preference to purchase computers and/or other electronic products that are EPEAT registered or meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for electronic products. This can take the form of purchasing policies, guidelines, or directives.

Policies and directives adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

### Part 2

Institution purchases EPEAT registered products for desktop and notebook/laptop computers, displays, thin clients, televisions and imaging equipment.

This credit does not include servers, mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones, or specialized equipment for which no EPEAT certified products are available.

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## Submission Note:

University Procurement and Information Resources & Technology estimate 85% EPEAT Silver purchases; this conservative estimate is based on the fact that the vast majority of purchases are EPEAT Silver or greater (many Gold), but the University does not track computer purchases by specific EPEAT level.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution have an institution-wide stated preference to purchase computers and/or other electronic products that are EPEAT registered or meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for electronic products?:**

Yes

**A copy of the electronics purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines:**

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**The electronics purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines :**

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**A brief description of steps the institution has taken to ensure that the purchasing policy, directives, or guidelines are followed:**

The University's Information Resources & Technology Office's specifications with vendors state a preference for EPEAT Silver (minimum) or Gold. IRT recommends and gives preference to vendors with products having a minimum of Gold EPEAT for the annual faculty refresh program (in which academic departments can upgrade their inventory at a discount).

**Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (expenditures on EPEAT registered electronics)?:**

Yes

**Expenditures on EPEAT registered desktop and laptop computers, displays, thin clients, televisions, and imaging equipment::**

	Expenditure Per Level
EPEAT Bronze	---
EPEAT Silver	3,400,000 US/Canadian \$
EPEAT Gold	0 US/Canadian \$

**Total expenditures on desktop and laptop computers, displays, thin clients, televisions, and imaging equipment:**

4,000,000 US/Canadian \$

**The website URL where information about the institution's electronics purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines is available:**

<http://drexel.edu/irt/computers/faculty/>



# Cleaning Products Purchasing

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas

Communications Manager

SLAS

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution has an institution-wide stated preference to purchase cleaning and janitorial products that are Green Seal™ or UL Environment (EcoLogo)™ certified and/or meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for cleaning and janitorial products. This can take the form of purchasing policies, guidelines, or directives.

Policies and directives adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or the university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

### Part 2

Institution's main cleaning or housekeeping department(s) and/or contractor(s) purchase Green Seal or UL Environment (EcoLogo) certified cleaning and janitorial products.

Cleaning and janitorial products include, at minimum:

- Cleaning/degreasing agents
  - General-purpose, bathroom, glass, and carpet cleaners
  - Biologically-active cleaning products (enzymatic and microbial products)
  - Floor-care products, e.g. floor finish and floor finish strippers
  - Hand cleaners
  - Sanitary paper products, e.g. toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, and placemats
  - Plastic film products (e.g. garbage bags/liners)
  - Laundry care products including powder, liquid or pre-measured dosage laundry detergents, stain removers and dryer sheets
  - Specialty surface cleaning products and odor removers, including but not limited to: boat cleaning products; deck and outdoor furniture cleaning products; graffiti removers; metal cleaning products; motor vehicle (automotive/tire/wheel) cleaning products; motor vehicle windshield washing fluid; optical lens cleaning products; oven cleaning products; upholstery cleaning products; and other cleaning products sold for specific specialty uses
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## Submission Note:

Numbers are close approximates and vary depending on conditions.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution have an institution-wide stated preference to purchase third party certified cleaning and janitorial products?:**

No

**A copy of the green cleaning product purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines:**

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**The green cleaning product purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines:**

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**A brief description of steps the institution has taken to ensure that the purchasing policy, directives, or guidelines are followed:**

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**Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (expenditures on cleaning and janitorial products)?:**

Yes

**Expenditures on Green Seal and/or UL Environment (EcoLogo) certified cleaning and janitorial products:**

30,000 *US/Canadian \$*

**Total expenditures on cleaning and janitorial products:**

75,000 *US/Canadian \$*

**Has the institution's main cleaning or housekeeping department(s) and/or contractor(s) adopted a Green Seal or ISSA certified low-impact, ecological ("green") cleaning program?:**

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**A brief description of the institution's low-impact, ecological cleaning program:**

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**A copy of the sections of the cleaning contract(s) that reference certified green products:**

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**The sections of the cleaning contract(s) that reference certified green products:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's green cleaning initiatives is available:**

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# Office Paper Purchasing

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution has an institution-wide stated preference to purchase office paper that has recycled content, is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and/or is certified to meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for paper. This can take the form of purchasing policies, guidelines, or directives.

Policies and directives adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or the university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

### *Part 2*

Institution purchases office paper with post-consumer recycled, agricultural residue, and/or FSC certified content.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution have an institution-wide stated preference to purchase office paper that has recycled content and/or is certified to meet multi-criteria sustainability standards for paper?:**

Yes

**A copy of the paper purchasing policy, directive or guidelines:**

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**The paper purchasing policy, directive or guidelines:**

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**A brief description of steps the institution has taken to ensure that the purchasing policy, directives, or guidelines are followed :**

The University's office supply purchasing website automatically searches for green paper products and brings them to the top of the list. University Procurement conducts lunch & learn events and workshops to promote green paper and product purchasing. Procurement specifically looks for departments that aren't making "green" choices in their paper purchasing and educates them to encourage greener purchases.

**Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (expenditures on office paper)?:**

Yes

**Expenditures on office paper with the following levels of post-consumer recycled, agricultural residue, and/or FSC certified content::**

	<b>Expenditure Per Level</b>
<b>10-29 percent</b>	1,640 <i>US/Canadian \$</i>
<b>30-49 percent</b>	0 <i>US/Canadian \$</i>
<b>50-69 percent</b>	78,989 <i>US/Canadian \$</i>
<b>70-89 percent (or FSC Mix label)</b>	0 <i>US/Canadian \$</i>
<b>90-100 percent (or FSC Recycled label)</b>	5,389 <i>US/Canadian \$</i>

**Total expenditures on office paper :**

195,091 *US/Canadian \$*

**The website URL where information about the paper purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines is available:**

<http://drexel.edu/procurement/about/sustainablePurchasing/>

# Inclusive and Local Purchasing

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution has an institution-wide stated intent to support disadvantaged businesses, social enterprises, and/or local community-based businesses.

Support could take the form of giving preference during RFP processes, conducting targeted outreach to these businesses about opportunities to work with the institution, and/or other efforts to increase purchases made from such businesses.

### *Part 2*

Institution makes purchases from companies that include disadvantaged businesses, social enterprises and/or local community-based businesses.

Purchases that meet multiple criteria listed above should not be double counted. Food and beverage purchases, which are covered by *OP 6: Food and Beverage Purchasing* and *OP 7: Low Impact Dining*, are not included in this credit.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Life Cycle Cost Analysis

## Criteria

Institution employs Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) as a matter of policy and practice when evaluating energy- and water-using products and systems. Practices may include structuring RFPs so that vendors compete on the basis of lowest total cost of ownership (TCO) in addition to (or instead of) purchase price.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Guidelines for Business Partners

## Criteria

Institution has and acts on policies, guidelines and/or agreements that set expectations about the social and environmental responsibility of its business partners. The policies, guidelines and/or agreements require new and/or existing vendors and contractors and/or franchisees to adhere to:

1) Minimum environmental standards and practices defined by the institution, for example as outlined by the institution's sustainability policies

And/or

2) Minimum standards and practices governing employee wages, benefits, working conditions and rights that are consistent with fundamental International Labor Organization (ILO) conventions.

All enterprises with employees on-site as part of regular campus operations (e.g. contractors and franchisees) and other standing and/or formal business relationships (e.g. regular vendors and contracted services) are included.

Businesses that produce and/or sell licensed articles bearing the institution's trademarked logo ("licensees") are not included. They are covered in *EN 15: Trademark Licensing*.

The credit acknowledges institutional engagement in selecting its business partners and guiding them toward sustainability. Policies, guidelines or practices of the businesses themselves do not count for this credit in the absence of institutional selection criteria and/or guidance. Requiring compliance with existing legislation does not count on its own, but may be included as part of broader requirements that meet the criteria outlined above.

Policies adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.



# Transportation

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are moving toward sustainable transportation systems. Transportation is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants that contribute to health problems such as heart and respiratory diseases and cancer. Due to disproportionate exposure, these health impacts are frequently more pronounced in low-income communities next to major transportation corridors. In addition, the extraction, production, and global distribution of fuels for transportation can damage environmentally and/or culturally significant ecosystems and may financially benefit hostile and/or oppressive governments.

At the same time, campuses can reap benefits from modeling sustainable transportation systems. Bicycling and walking provide human health benefits and mitigate the need for large areas of paved surface, which can help campuses to better manage storm water. Institutions may realize cost savings and help support local economies by reducing their dependency on petroleum-based fuels for transportation.

<b>Credit</b>
Campus Fleet
Student Commute Modal Split
Employee Commute Modal Split
Support for Sustainable Transportation

**Responsible Party**

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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**Criteria**

Institution supports alternative fuel and power technology by including in its motorized vehicle fleet vehicles that are:

- A. Gasoline-electric hybrid
- B. Diesel-electric hybrid
- C. Plug-in hybrid
- D. 100 percent electric
- E. Fueled with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
- F. Hydrogen fueled
- G. Fueled with B20 or higher biofuel for more than 4 months of the year

And/or

H. Fueled with locally produced, low-level (e.g. B5) biofuel for more than 4 months of the year (e.g. fuel contains cooking oil recovered and recycled on campus or in the local community)

For this credit, the institution’s motorized fleet includes all cars, carts, trucks, tractors, buses and similar vehicles used for transporting people and/or goods, including both leased vehicles and vehicles that are institution-owned and operated. Heavy construction equipment (e.g. excavators and pavers), maintenance equipment (e.g. lawn-mowers and leaf blowers), and demonstration/test vehicles used for educational purposes are not included in this credit.

Vehicles that meet multiple criteria (e.g. hybrid vehicles fueled with biofuel) should not be double-counted.

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**Total number of vehicles in the institution’s fleet :**

137

**Number of vehicles in the institution's fleet that are::**

	Number of Vehicles

<b>Gasoline-electric, non-plug-in hybrid</b>	1
<b>Diesel-electric, non-plug-in hybrid</b>	0
<b>Plug-in hybrid</b>	0
<b>100 percent electric</b>	10
<b>Fueled with compressed natural gas (CNG)</b>	0
<b>Hydrogen fueled</b>	0
<b>Fueled with B20 or higher biofuel for more than 4 months of the year</b>	21
<b>Fueled with locally produced, low-level (e.g. B5) biofuel for more than 4 months of the year</b>	---

**A brief description of the institution’s efforts to support alternative fuel and power technology in its motorized fleet:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's support for alternative fuel and power technology is available:**

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# Student Commute Modal Split

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution's students commute to and from campus using more sustainable commuting options such as walking, bicycling, vanpooling or carpooling, taking public transportation, riding motorcycles or scooters, riding a campus shuttle, or a combination of these options.

Students who live on campus should be included in the calculation based on how they get to and from their classes.

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## Total percentage of students that use more sustainable commuting options:

90

## The percentage of students that use each of the following modes as their primary means of transportation to get to and from campus::

	Percentage (0-100)
Commute with only the driver in the vehicle (excluding motorcycles and scooters)	10
Walk, bicycle, or use other non-motorized means	51
Vanpool or carpool	1
Take a campus shuttle or public transportation	31
Use a motorcycle, scooter or moped	---

## A brief description of the method(s) used to gather data about student commuting:

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## The website URL where information about sustainable transportation for students is available:

[Campus Sustainability Data Collector | AASHE](#)

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources\\_transportation.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources_transportation.html)

# Employee Commute Modal Split

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution's employees (faculty, staff, and administrators) get to and from campus using more sustainable commuting options such as walking, bicycling, vanpooling or carpooling, taking public transportation, riding motorcycles or scooters, riding a campus shuttle, telecommuting, or a combination of these options.

Employees who live on campus should be included in the calculation based on how they get to and from their workplace.

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## Total percentage of the institution's employees that use more sustainable commuting options:

73

## The percentage of the institution's employees that use each of the following modes as their primary means of transportation to and from campus::

	Percentage (0-100)
Commute with only the driver in the vehicle (excluding motorcycles and scooters)	27
Walk, bicycle, or use other non-motorized means	15
Vanpool or carpool	5
Take a campus shuttle or public transportation	52
Use a motorcycle, scooter or moped	---
Telecommute for 50 percent or more of their regular work hours	---

**A brief description of the method(s) used to gather data about employee commuting:**

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**The website URL where information about sustainable transportation for employees is available:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources\\_transportation.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/resources_transportation.html)

# Support for Sustainable Transportation

## Criteria

### Part 1

The institution demonstrates its support for active (i.e. non-motorized) transportation on campus in one or more of the following ways:

Option A: Institution:

- Provides secure bicycle storage (not including office space), shower facilities, and lockers for bicycle commuters. The storage, shower facilities and lockers are co-located in at least one building/location that is accessible to all commuters.
- Provides short-term bicycle parking (e.g. racks) within 50 ft (15 m) of all occupied, non-residential buildings and makes long-term bicycle storage available within 330 ft (100 m) of all residence halls (if applicable).
- Has a “complete streets” or bicycle accommodation policy (or adheres to a local community policy) and/or has a continuous network of dedicated bicycle and pedestrian paths and lanes that connects all occupied buildings and at least one inter-modal transportation node (i.e. transit stop or station)

And/or

- Has a bicycle-sharing program or participates in a local bicycle-sharing program

Option B: Institution is certified as a Bicycle Friendly University (at any level) by the League of American Bicyclists (U.S.) or under a similar third party certification for non-motorized transportation.

### Part 2

Institution has implemented one or more of the following strategies to encourage more sustainable modes of transportation and reduce the impact of student and employee commuting. The institution:

- Offers free or reduced price transit passes and/or operates a free campus shuttle for commuters. The transit passes may be offered by the institution itself, through the larger university system of which the institution is a part, or through a regional program provided by a government agency.
- Offers a guaranteed return trip (GRT) program to regular users of alternative modes of transportation
- Participates in a car/vanpool or ride sharing program and/or offers reduced parking fees or preferential parking for car/vanpoolers
- Participates in a car sharing program, such as a commercial car-sharing program, one administered by the institution, or one administered by a regional organization
- Has one or more Level 2 or Level 3 electric vehicle recharging stations that are accessible to student and employee commuters
- Offers a telecommuting program for employees, either as a matter of policy or as standard practice
- Offers a condensed work week option for employees, either as a matter of policy or as standard practice
- Has incentives or programs to encourage employees to live close to campus
- Other strategies

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# Waste

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are moving toward zero waste by reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting. These actions mitigate the need to extract virgin materials, such as trees and metals. It generally takes less energy and water to make a product with recycled material than with virgin resources. Reducing waste generation also reduces the flow of waste to incinerators and landfills which produce greenhouse gas emissions, can contaminate air and groundwater supplies, and tend to have disproportionate negative impacts on low-income communities. Waste reduction and diversion also save institutions costly landfill and hauling service fees. In addition, waste reduction campaigns can engage the entire campus community in contributing to a tangible sustainability goal.

<b>Credit</b>
Waste Minimization
Waste Diversion
Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion
Hazardous Waste Management

# Waste Minimization

**Responsible Party**

**Irene Tsikitas**  
 Communications Manager  
 SLAS

**Criteria**

**Part 1**

Institution has implemented source reduction strategies to reduce the total amount of waste generated (materials diverted + materials disposed) per weighted campus user compared to a baseline.

**Part 2**

Institution's total annual waste generation (materials diverted and disposed) is less than the minimum performance threshold of 0.45 tons (0.41 tonnes) per weighted campus user.

This credit includes on-campus dining services operated by the institution or the institution's primary on-site contractor.

Total waste generation includes all materials that the institution discards, intends to discard or is required to discard (e.g. materials recycled, composted, donated, re-sold and disposed of as trash) except construction, demolition, electronic, hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal and non-regulated chemical waste, which are covered in *OP 24: Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion* and *OP 25: Hazardous Waste Management*.

**Submission Note:**

[drexel.edu/green](http://drexel.edu/green)

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**Waste generated::**

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
Materials recycled	894 Tons	301 Tons
Materials composted	41 Tons	0 Tons
Materials reused, donated or re-sold	---	---

<b>Materials disposed in a solid waste landfill or incinerator</b>	1,879 <i>Tons</i>	1,598 <i>Tons</i>
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**Figures needed to determine "Weighted Campus Users"::**

	<b>Performance Year</b>	<b>Baseline Year</b>
<b>Number of residential students</b>	---	---
<b>Number of residential employees</b>	---	---
<b>Number of in-patient hospital beds</b>	---	---
<b>Full-time equivalent enrollment</b>	---	---
<b>Full-time equivalent of employees</b>	---	---
<b>Full-time equivalent of distance education students</b>	---	---

**Start and end dates of the performance year and baseline year (or three-year periods):**

	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
<b>Performance Year</b>	---	---
<b>Baseline Year</b>	---	---

**A brief description of when and why the waste generation baseline was adopted:**

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**A brief description of any (non-food) waste audits employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any institutional procurement policies designed to prevent waste:**

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**A brief description of any surplus department or formal office supplies exchange program that facilitates reuse of**

**materials:**

The Drexel Surplus Exchange is a free-cycle website which helps departments find new homes for no-longer needed computer equipment, office supplies, lab equipment and furniture by providing a centralized virtual location where one department can find another department in need of unwanted items. The Surplus Exchange reduces waste, saves precious resources, and eases the burden on landfills, while enabling University departments to save money in procuring new and disposing of old equipment.

**A brief description of the institution's efforts to make materials available online by default rather than printing them:**

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**A brief description of any limits on paper and ink consumption employed by the institution:**

Drexel libraries do not offer free printing at any of their locations.

**A brief description of any programs employed by the institution to reduce residence hall move-in/move-out waste:**

University Housing & Residential Living partner with local philanthropic organizations including the the Veterans Group, located in Powelton Village and Goodwill Industries for donations of unwanted items during move-out.

**A brief description of any other (non-food) waste minimization strategies employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any food waste audits employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any programs and/or practices to track and reduce pre-consumer food waste in the form of kitchen food waste, prep waste and spoilage:**

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**A brief description of programs and/or practices to track and reduce post-consumer food waste:**

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**A brief description of the institution's provision of reusable and/or third party certified compostable to-go containers for to-go food and beverage items (in conjunction with a composting program):**

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**A brief description of the institution's provision of reusable service ware for “dine in” meals and reusable and/or**

**third party certified compostable service ware for to-go meals (in conjunction with a composting program):**

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**A brief description of any discounts offered to customers who use reusable containers (e.g. mugs) instead of disposable or compostable containers in to-go food service operations:**

Drexel sells reusable mugs in two of its cafes and offers discounts on refilled mugs of any kind in its cafes.

**A brief description of other dining services waste minimization programs and initiatives:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's waste minimization initiatives is available:**

<http://drexel.edu/facilities/wasteRecycling/>

# Waste Diversion

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution diverts materials from the landfill or incinerator by recycling, composting, reusing, donating, or re-selling.

This credit includes on-campus dining services operated by the institution or the institution's primary on-site contractor.

This credit does not include construction, demolition, electronic, hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal and non-regulated chemical waste, which are covered in *OP 24: Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion* and *OP 25: Hazardous Waste Management*.

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## Submission Note:

Data is from 2013.

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## Materials diverted from the solid waste landfill or incinerator:

907.85 Tons

## Materials disposed in a solid waste landfill or incinerator :

1,848 Tons

## A brief description of programs, policies, infrastructure investments, outreach efforts, and/or other factors that contributed to the diversion rate, including efforts made during the previous three years:

Drexel University continues to add recycling bins throughout campus and raise awareness of how and where to recycle various materials through Drexel Green communications (website, newsletter, RecycleMania competition, collection events throughout the year).

## A brief description of any food donation programs employed by the institution:

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## A brief description of any pre-consumer food waste composting program employed by the institution:

N/A

**A brief description of any post-consumer food waste composting program employed by the institution:**

N/A

**Does the institution include the following materials in its waste diversion efforts?:**

	Yes or No
Paper, plastics, glass, metals, and other recyclable containers	---
Food donations	---
Food for animals	---
Food composting	---
Cooking oil	---
Plant materials composting	---
Animal bedding composting	---
Batteries	---
Light bulbs	---
Toner/ink-jet cartridges	---
White goods (i.e. appliances)	---
Laboratory equipment	---
Furniture	---
Residence hall move-in/move-out waste	---
Scrap metal	---
Pallets	---

<b>Motor oil</b>	---
<b>Tires</b>	---

**Other materials that the institution includes in its waste diversion efforts:**

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# Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution diverts non-hazardous construction and demolition waste from the landfill and/or incinerator.

Soil and organic debris from excavating or clearing the site do not count for this credit.

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## Submission Note:

Time period: FY2012

Includes Matheson Hall demolition and URBN Center renovation projects.

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## Construction and demolition materials recycled, donated, or otherwise recovered:

12,263 Tons

## Construction and demolition materials landfilled or incinerated :

223 Tons

## A brief description of programs, policies, infrastructure investments, outreach efforts, and/or other factors that contributed to the diversion rate for construction and demolition waste:

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# Hazardous Waste Management

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## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution has strategies in place to safely dispose of all hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal, and non-regulated chemical waste and seeks to minimize the presence of these materials on campus.

### Part 2

Institution has a program in place to recycle, reuse, and/or refurbish electronic waste generated by the institution and/or its students. Institution takes measures to ensure that the electronic waste is recycled responsibly, for example by using a recycler certified under the e-Stewards and/or R2 standards.

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## Does the institution have strategies in place to safely dispose of all hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal, and non-regulated chemical waste and seek to minimize the presence of these materials on campus?:

Yes

## A brief description of steps taken to reduce hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal, and non-regulated chemical waste:

Drexel University's Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) handles all regulated waste including hazardous waste, infectious waste and universal waste. In an effort to minimize the amount of hazardous waste generated EHS has implemented a system whereby EHS picks up unwanted chemicals upon request. At the time of pick up EHS will determine whether or not the products can be redistributed for use in other etching or research laboratories or if it can be poured off and commingled in bulk for fuels blending. Bulk fuels blending reduces the amount of packaging required and hence the overall weight and volume of materials to be disposed and fuels blending ensures that these materials are used as a secondary fuel source rather than disposed by traditional means. EHS also has in place system for the recover and recycling of food oils and works with Facilities Management to ensure that Universal wastes are recovered and recycled to the extent possible.

## A brief description of how the institution safely disposes of hazardous, universal, and non-regulated chemical waste:

Drexel University's Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) handles all regulated waste including hazardous waste, infectious waste and universal waste. In an effort to minimize the amount of hazardous waste generated EHS has implemented a system whereby EHS picks up unwanted chemicals upon request. At the time of pick up EHS will determine whether or not the products can be

redistributed for use in other etching or research laboratories or if it can be poured off and commingled in bulk for fuels blending. Bulk fuels blending reduces the amount of packaging required and hence the overall weight and volume of materials to be disposed and fuels blending ensures that these materials are used as a secondary fuel source rather than disposed by traditional means. EHS also has in place system for the recover and recycling of food oils and works with Facilities Management to ensure that Universal wastes are recovered and recycled to the extent possible.

**A brief description of any significant hazardous material release incidents during the previous three years, including volume, impact and response/remediation:**

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**A brief description of any inventory system employed by the institution to facilitate the reuse or redistribution of laboratory chemicals:**

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**Does the institution have or participate in a program to responsibly recycle, reuse, and/or refurbish all electronic waste generated by the institution?:**

Yes

**Does the institution have or participate in a program to responsibly recycle, reuse, and/or refurbish electronic waste generated by students?:**

Yes

**A brief description of the electronic waste recycling program(s):**

University Facilities will recycle e-waste generated by the institution. Personnel place work orders to have items picked up for recycling. Regular e-waste recycling collection events are held during campus cleanup periods and the Recyclemania competition.

**A brief description of steps taken to ensure that e-waste is recycled responsibly, workers' basic safety is protected, and environmental standards are met:**

Equipment that can be reused is donated or recycled w/in the university; e-cycle or national paper will take items that cant be donated or reused on campus. Drexel Green will collect miscellaneous e-waste to be recycled through various vendors. Drexel Green has created a Recycling Guide geared to the entire University community that explains how different materials can be recycled on campus, including e-waste. Annual RecycleMania campaign raises awareness of the University's recycling program among students and employees. A student organization, TechServ, also accepts used electronics to be refurbished and donated. Some residence halls have collection areas for batteries and other electronic waste.

**The website URL where information about the institution's hazardous and electronic-waste recycling programs is available:**

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# Water

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are conserving water, making efforts to protect water quality and treating water as a resource rather than a waste product. Pumping, delivering, and treating water is a major driver of energy consumption, so institutions can help reduce energy use and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy generation by conserving water. Likewise, conservation, water recycling and reuse, and effective rainwater management practices are important in maintaining and protecting finite groundwater supplies. Water conservation and effective rainwater and wastewater management also reduce the need for effluent discharge into local surface water supplies, which helps improve the health of local water ecosystems.

<b>Credit</b>
Water Use
Rainwater Management
Wastewater Management

# Water Use

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution has reduced its potable water use per weighted campus user compared to a baseline.

### Part 2

Institution has reduced its potable water use per gross square foot/metre of floor area compared to a baseline.

### Part 3

Institution has reduced its total water use (potable + non-potable) per acre/hectare of vegetated grounds compared to a baseline.

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## Level of water risk for the institution's main campus:

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## Total water use::

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
Total water use	145,559,562 Gallons	91,472,920 Gallons

## Potable water use::

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
Potable water use	---	---

## Figures needed to determine "Weighted Campus Users"::

	Performance Year	Baseline Year
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<b>Number of residential students</b>	---	---
<b>Number of residential employees</b>	---	---
<b>Number of in-patient hospital beds</b>	---	---
<b>Full-time equivalent enrollment</b>	---	---
<b>Full-time equivalent of employees</b>	---	---
<b>Full-time equivalent of distance education students</b>	---	---

**Gross floor area of building space::**

	<b>Performance Year</b>	<b>Baseline Year</b>
<b>Gross floor area</b>	---	---

**Area of vegetated grounds::**

	<b>Performance Year</b>	<b>Baseline Year</b>
<b>Vegetated grounds</b>	---	---

**Start and end dates of the performance year and baseline year (or three-year periods):**

	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
<b>Performance Year</b>	---	---
<b>Baseline Year</b>	---	---

**A brief description of when and why the water use baseline was adopted:**

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**Water recycled/reused on campus, performance year:**

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**Recycled/reused water withdrawn from off-campus sources, performance year:**

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**A brief description of any water recovery and reuse systems employed by the institution:**

Approx 34,500 sq. ft of roof water is used to flush toilets and urinals. Rainwater from parts of the Daskalakis Athletic Center and Recreation Center is collected in a 35,000 gallon cistern. Water is pumped through filters, ultra-violet light and dyed, then used to flush toilets and urinals in ground floor restroom/ locker room

**A brief description of any water metering and management systems employed by the institution:**

All University buildings are on Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) water meters; utility meters with remote reading by PWD.

**A brief description of any building retrofit practices employed by the institution, e.g. to install high efficiency plumbing fixtures and fittings:**

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**A brief description of any policies or programs employed by the institution to replace appliances, equipment and systems with water-efficient alternatives:**

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**A brief description of any water-efficient landscape design practices employed by the institution (e.g. xeriscaping):**

Drexel's green roofs are xeriscape unless we are in a drought situation, and all of our landscapes and grass areas use native plants and many drought tolerant species.

**A brief description of any weather-informed irrigation technologies employed by the institution:**

Drexel has a Rain Bird IQ system that uses weather data and evaporation rates along with weather sensors to automatically adjust. The university also has a new system being installed in Perelman Plaza that goes one step further with soil sensors that measure the actual moisture levels in the soil before watering.

**A brief description of other water conservation and efficiency strategies employed by the institution:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's water conservation and efficiency initiatives is available:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects\\_water.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects_water.html)

## Responsible Party

Irene Tsikitas

Communications Manager

SLAS

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution uses Low Impact Development (LID) practices as a matter of policy or standard practice to reduce rainwater/stormwater runoff volume and improve outgoing water quality for new construction, major renovation, and other projects that increase paved surface area on campus or otherwise significantly change the campus grounds.

The policy, plan, and/or strategies cover the entire campus. While the specific strategies or practices adopted may vary depending on project type and location, this credit is reserved for institutions that mitigate rainwater runoff impacts consistently during new construction. Implementing a strategy or strategies for only one new development project is not sufficient for Part 1 of this credit.

### Part 2

Institution has adopted a rainwater/stormwater management policy, plan, and/or strategies that mitigate the rainwater runoff impacts of ongoing campus operations and treat rainwater as a resource rather than as a waste product.

The policy, plan, and/or strategies address both the quantity and quality (or contamination level) of rainwater runoff through the use of green infrastructure. Though specific practices adopted may vary across the campus, the policy, plan, and/or strategies cover the entire institution. Implementing strategies for only one building or area of campus is not sufficient for Part 2 of this credit.

Policies adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. state government or the university system) may count for both parts of this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

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**Does the institution use Low Impact Development (LID) practices as a matter of policy or standard practice to reduce rainwater/stormwater runoff volume and improve outgoing water quality for new construction, major renovation, and other projects?:**

Yes

**A brief description of the institution's Low Impact Development (LID) practices:**

All construction on new or existing buildings must adhere to the University's Sustainability Design policy and the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes Rating system, which includes requirements for reducing stormwater runoff. Recent construction projects, such as the Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building, Recreation Center, Millennium Hall and Queen Lane addition, all have design features (green roof, permeable fitness plaza, etc.) that address stormwater runoff. The University also identified stormwater mitigation as a



priority in the FY2013 capital budget and has been working with the City of Philadelphia on streets projects that reduce runoff via tree plantings and the installation of large planters, among other strategies. Landscaping that mitigates stormwater runoff is a key component of the 2012-17 Campus Master Plan.

**Has the institution adopted a rainwater/stormwater management policy, plan, or strategies that mitigate the rainwater runoff impacts of ongoing campus operations through the use of green infrastructure? :**

Yes

**A brief description of the institution's rainwater/stormwater management policy, plan, and/or strategies for ongoing campus operations:**

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**A brief description of any rainwater harvesting employed by the institution:**

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**Rainwater harvested directly and stored/used by the institution, performance year:**

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**A brief description of any rainwater filtering systems employed by the institution to treat water prior to release:**

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**A brief description of any living or vegetated roofs on campus:**

Millennium Hall boasts a 3,000-sq.-ft.-green roof. The green roof's major characteristics are: • A weight of approximately 27-29lbs/sq. ft. when fully vegetated and saturated. • Soil composed of high quality inorganic aggregates, containing a special clay particle to bind nutrients and an acid rain buffering component. • Soil formulated with disease-suppressive organic material at a level consistent with ecologically sustainable soil/plant communities. • Regional adaptations of engineered soil vary in composition. Each is specifically developed based upon climate, water quality, and regionally available components. Millennium Hall plants have been selected for extreme drought tolerance, disease and insect resistance, long life, low maintenance, and beauty. • Plants were selected by local horticulturists in order to meet the local climate preferences. They were planted in modules at a local nursery and cared for until they were transported to the building.

**A brief description of any porous (i.e. permeable) paving employed by the institution:**

The porous Fitness Plaza behind the Recreation Center collects storm water to be re-used for flushing toilets in the building.

**A brief description of any downspout disconnection employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any rain gardens on campus:**

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**A brief description of any stormwater retention and/or detention ponds employed by the institution:**

There are 3 retention basins at the Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building (LEED Gold).

**A brief description of any bioswales on campus (vegetated, compost or stone):**

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**A brief description of any other rainwater management technologies or strategies employed by the institution:**

Large planters installed outside the Armory and Recreation Center.

**The website URL where information about the institution's rainwater management initiatives, plan or policy is available:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects\\_assessment.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/projects_assessment.html)

# Wastewater Management

## Criteria

Institution's wastewater is handled naturally on campus or in the local community. Natural wastewater systems include, but are not limited to, constructed treatment wetlands and Living Machines. To count, wastewater must be treated to secondary or tertiary standards prior to release to water bodies.

This credit recognizes natural handling of the water discharged by the institution. On-site recycling/reuse of greywater and/or blackwater is recognized in *OP 26: Water Use*.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Planning & Administration

## Coordination, Planning & Governance

This subcategory seeks to recognize colleges and universities that are institutionalizing sustainability by dedicating resources to sustainability coordination, developing plans to move toward sustainability, and engaging students, staff and faculty in governance. Staff and other resources help an institution organize, implement, and publicize sustainability initiatives. These resources provide the infrastructure that fosters sustainability within an institution. Sustainability planning affords an institution the opportunity to clarify its vision of a sustainable future, establish priorities and help guide budgeting and decision making. Strategic planning and internal stakeholder engagement in governance are important steps in making sustainability a campus priority and may help advocates implement changes to achieve sustainability goals.

<b>Credit</b>
Sustainability Coordination
Sustainability Planning
Governance

# Sustainability Coordination

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**  
Communications Manager  
SLAS

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## Criteria

Institution has at least one sustainability committee, office, and/or officer tasked by the administration or board of trustees to advise on and implement policies and programs related to sustainability on campus. The committee, office, and/or officer focus on sustainability broadly (i.e. not just one sustainability issue, such as climate change) and cover the entire institution.

An institution that has multiple committees, offices and/or staff with responsibility for subsets of the institution (e.g. schools or departments) may earn points for this credit if it has a mechanism for broad sustainability coordination for the entire campus (e.g. a coordinating committee or the equivalent). A committee, office, and/or officer that focuses on just one department or school within the institution does not count for this credit in the absence of institution-wide coordination.

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### Submission Note:

At Drexel University, sustainability is a value threaded through the fabric of university life. The University's philosophy is not to place responsibility on one person or office, but rather to implement sustainability strategies holistically, through a committee-based approach that includes representatives from both the academic side and the administrative side of the University.

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**Does the institution have at least one sustainability committee, office, and/or officer that focuses on sustainability broadly and covers the entire institution?:**

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**A brief description of the activities and substantive accomplishments of the committee(s), office(s), and/or officer(s) during the previous three years:**

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**Does the institution have at least one sustainability committee?:**

Yes

**The charter or mission statement of the committee(s) or a brief description of each committee's purview and activities:**

THE DREXEL GREEN INITIATIVE at Drexel University was created in 2008 by students, faculty, and staff dedicated to transforming Drexel's campus into a sustainability leader. The initiative covers all aspects of operations, buildings, academic initiatives, and student life and is responsible for the strategic plan to further sustainable practices and policies.

#### DREXEL UNIVERSITY'S SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Drexel University is committed to protecting the needs of future generations, promoting excellence in environmental stewardship and sustainability, and encouraging individual members of the University community to develop approaches to their work and lifestyles that improve the Earth's health. Therefore, Drexel University's policies, practices, and curricula whenever possible will reflect approaches that encourage reductions in life cycle costs, safeguard or restore functioning natural systems, and enhance human well-being.

#### **Members of each committee, including affiliations and role (e.g. staff, student, or faculty):**

The committee crosses the University Community, including Drexel senior administrators, faculty members, staff, and students. A full listing is available at

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/getinvolved\\_committees.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/getinvolved_committees.html)

#### **The website URL where information about the sustainability committee(s) is available:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/getinvolved\\_committees.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/getinvolved_committees.html).

#### **Does the institution have at least one sustainability office that includes more than 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) employee?:**

No

#### **A brief description of each sustainability office:**

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#### **Full-time equivalent (FTE) of people employed in the sustainability office(s):**

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#### **The website URL where information about the sustainability office(s) is available:**

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#### **Does the institution have at least one sustainability officer?:**

No

#### **Name and title of each sustainability officer:**

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#### **A brief description of each sustainability officer position:**

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**The website URL where information about the sustainability officer(s) is available:**

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution has current and formal plans to advance sustainability. The plan(s) cover one or more of the following areas:

- Curriculum
- Research (or other scholarship appropriate for the institution)
- Campus Engagement
- Public Engagement
- Air & Climate
- Buildings
- Dining Services/Food
- Energy
- Grounds
- Purchasing
- Transportation
- Waste
- Water
- Diversity & Affordability
- Health, Wellbeing & Work
- Investment
- Other

The plan(s) may include measurable objectives with corresponding strategies and timeframes to achieve the objectives.

The criteria may be met by any combination of formally adopted plans, for example:

- Strategic plan or equivalent guiding document
- Campus master plan or physical campus plan
- Sustainability plan
- Climate action plan
- Human resources strategic plan
- Diversity plan

For institutions that are a part of a larger system, plans developed at the system level are eligible for this credit.

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### Submission Note:



Developed in 2008; the Drexel Green Initiative is continually being updated with new programs and strategies for improving sustainability at Drexel.

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**Does the institution have current and formal plans to advance sustainability in the following areas? Do the plans include measurable objectives?:**

	<b>Current and Formal Plans (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Measurable Objectives (Yes or No)</b>
<b>Curriculum</b>	---	---
<b>Research (or other scholarship)</b>	---	---
<b>Campus Engagement</b>	---	---
<b>Public Engagement</b>	---	---
<b>Air and Climate</b>	Yes	---
<b>Buildings</b>	---	---
<b>Dining Services/Food</b>	---	---
<b>Energy</b>	---	---
<b>Grounds</b>	---	---
<b>Purchasing</b>	---	---
<b>Transportation</b>	---	---
<b>Waste</b>	---	---
<b>Water</b>	---	---
<b>Diversity and Affordability</b>	---	---
<b>Health, Wellbeing and Work</b>	---	---

<b>Investment</b>	---	---
<b>Other</b>	---	---

**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Curriculum:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Curriculum plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Curriculum plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Research (or other scholarship):**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Research plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Research plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance Campus Engagement around sustainability:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Campus Engagement plan:**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Campus Engagement plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance Public Engagement around sustainability:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Public Engagement plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Public Engagement plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Air and Climate:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Air and Climate plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Air and Climate plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Buildings:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Buildings plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Buildings plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Dining Services/Food:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Dining Services/Food plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Dining Services/Food plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Energy:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Energy plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Energy plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Grounds:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Grounds plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Grounds plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Purchasing:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Purchasing plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Purchasing plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Transportation:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Transportation plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Transportation plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Waste:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Waste plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Waste plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Water:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Water plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Water plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance Diversity and Affordability:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Diversity and Affordability plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Diversity and Affordability plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Health, Wellbeing and Work:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Health, Wellbeing and Work plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Health, Wellbeing and Work plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Investment:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Investment plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Investment plan(s):**

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**A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in other areas:**

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**The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the other plan(s):**

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**Accountable parties, offices or departments for the other plan(s):**

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**The institution's definition of sustainability:**

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**Does the institution's strategic plan or equivalent guiding document include sustainability at a high level?:**

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**A brief description of how the institution's strategic plan or equivalent guiding document addresses sustainability:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's sustainability planning is available:**

[http://www.drexel.edu/green/academics\\_majors.html](http://www.drexel.edu/green/academics_majors.html)

# Governance

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution's students participate in governance in one or more of the following ways:

A. All enrolled students, regardless of type or status, have an avenue to participate in one or more governance bodies (through direct participation or the election of representatives)

B. There is at least one student representative on the institution's governing body. To count, student representatives must be elected by their peers or appointed by a representative student body or organization.

And/or

C. Students have a formal role in decision-making in regard to one or more of the following:

- Establishing organizational mission, vision, and/or goals
- Establishing new policies, programs, or initiatives
- Strategic and long-term planning
- Existing or prospective physical resources
- Budgeting, staffing and financial planning
- Communications processes and transparency practices
- Prioritization of programs and projects

### *Part 2*

Institution's staff participate in governance in one or more of the following ways:

A. All staff members, regardless of type or status, have an avenue to participate in one or more governance bodies (through direct participation or the election of representatives)

B. There is at least one non-supervisory staff representative on the institution's governing body. To count, staff representatives must be elected by their peers or appointed by a representative staff body or organization.

And/or

C. Non-supervisory staff have a formal role in decision-making in regard to one or more of the areas outlined in Part 1.

### *Part 3*

Institution's faculty participate in governance in one or more of the following ways:

A. All faculty members, regardless of type or status, have an avenue to participate in one or more governance bodies (through direct participation or the election of representatives)

B. There is at least one teaching or research faculty representative on the institution's governing body. To count, faculty representatives must be elected by their peers or appointed by a representative faculty body or organization.



And/or

C. Faculty have a formal role in decision-making in regard to one or more of the areas outlined in Part 1.

Participatory or shared governance bodies, structures and/or mechanisms may be managed by the institution (e.g. committees, councils, senates), by stakeholder groups (e.g. student, faculty and staff committees/organizations), or jointly (e.g. union/management structures).

Structures or mechanisms adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as they apply and are adhered to by the institution.

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# Diversity & Affordability

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are working to advance diversity and affordability on campus. In order to build a sustainable society, diverse groups will need to be able to come together and work collaboratively to address sustainability challenges. Members of racial and ethnic minority groups and immigrant, indigenous and low-income communities tend to suffer disproportionate exposure to environmental problems. This environmental injustice happens as a result of unequal and segregated or isolated communities. To achieve environmental and social justice, society must work to address discrimination and promote equality. The historical legacy and persistence of discrimination based on racial, gender, religious, and other differences makes a proactive approach to promoting a culture of inclusiveness an important component of creating an equitable society. Higher education opens doors to opportunities that can help create a more equitable world, and those doors must be open through affordable programs accessible to all regardless of race, gender, religion, socio-economic status and other differences. In addition, a diverse student body, faculty, and staff provide rich resources for learning and collaboration.

<b>Credit</b>
Diversity and Equity Coordination
Assessing Diversity and Equity
Support for Underrepresented Groups
Support for Future Faculty Diversity
Affordability and Access

# Diversity and Equity Coordination

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution has a diversity and equity committee, office and/or officer tasked by the administration or governing body to advise on and implement policies, programs, and trainings related to diversity and equity on campus. The committee, office and/or officer focuses on student and/or employee diversity and equity.

### Part 2

Institution makes cultural competence trainings and activities available to all members of one or more of the following groups:

- Students
  - Staff
  - Faculty
  - Administrators
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**Does the institution have a diversity and equity committee, office, and/or officer tasked by the administration or governing body to advise on and implement policies, programs, and trainings related to diversity and equity on campus?:**

Yes

**Does the committee, office and/or officer focus on one or both of the following?:**

	Yes or No
Student diversity and equity	---
Employee diversity and equity	---

**A brief description of the diversity and equity committee, office and/or officer, including purview and activities:**

"Drexel University has a strong commitment to the value of diversity, as elucidated in our University Strategic Plan 2012-2017. In that plan, diversity is included among our shared values. The plan states that Drexel strives to, "Create and support a diverse university in all of its manifestations both because diversity has instrumental value – it makes Drexel’s students, faculty, and university community more competitive globally – and because diversity has inherent value – it fosters understanding, respect, and opportunity – thereby forging a better university for all." In keeping with our goal of fostering a diverse and inclusive environment, in 2012 President John Fry and Provost Mark Greenberg commissioned the Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Committee."

**The full-time equivalent of people employed in the diversity and equity office:**

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**The website URL where information about the diversity and equity committee, office and/or officer is available:**

<http://www.drexel.edu/diversity/diversity/committee/>

**Does the institution make cultural competence trainings and activities available to all members of the following groups?:**

	Yes or No
<b>Students</b>	---
<b>Staff</b>	Yes
<b>Faculty</b>	---
<b>Administrators</b>	---

**A brief description of the cultural competence trainings and activities:**

Drexel University offers a variety of cultural competence trainings periodically via Career Pathway, its online employee learning system. For instance, in April 2014 the University is offering a training session called, "Working with Students with Disabilities: Best Practices." Drexel is also committed to providing a living, learning, and working environment that is welcoming and inclusive and free from unlawful discrimination and harassment directed at individuals based upon their race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex (gender), sexual orientation, disability, status as a veteran, gender identity and expression, genetic information or any other prohibited characteristic. An important step in meeting this commitment is educating the members of the University community. All full-time and part-time compensated employees must complete Preventing Workplace Harassment training annually.

**The website URL where information about the cultural competence trainings is available:**

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# Assessing Diversity and Equity

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution assesses diversity and equity on campus and uses the results to guide policy, programs, and initiatives. The assessment(s) address one or more of the following areas:

1. **Campus climate**, e.g. through a survey or series of surveys to gather information about the attitudes, perceptions and experiences of campus stakeholders and underrepresented groups
  2. **Student diversity and educational equity**, e.g. through analysis of institutional data on diversity and equity by program and level, comparisons between graduation and retention rates for diverse groups, and comparisons of student diversity to the diversity of the communities being served by the institution
  3. **Employee diversity and employment equity**, e.g. through analysis of institutional data on diversity and equity by job level and classification, and comparisons between broad workforce diversity, faculty diversity, management diversity and the diversity of the communities being served by the institution
  4. **Governance and public engagement**, e.g. by assessing access to and participation in governance on the part of underrepresented groups and women, the centrality of diversity and equity in planning and mission statements, and diversity and equity in public engagement efforts
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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

## Has the institution assessed diversity and equity in terms of campus climate?:

Yes

## A brief description of the campus climate assessment(s) :

Drexel University's Diversity Achievement Plan is a management tool designed to ensure that all qualified persons have equal access to employment opportunities, professional development, and advancement. This Plan includes a number of quantitative analyses designed to evaluate the demographic composition of the University's employee workforce and compare it to the composition of relevant labor pools; Drexel University also develops an annual Diversity Achievement Plan Accomplishments Supplement that details the efforts our individual colleges, schools, and administrative units have made to support our diverse community and to make our University a welcoming place for everyone; Student Affairs and the Office of Faculty Development and Equity conduct focus groups with students and faculty to assess campus diversity culture.

## Has the institution assessed student diversity and educational equity?:

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**A brief description of the student diversity and educational equity assessment(s):**

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**Has the institution assessed employee diversity and employment equity?:**

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**A brief description of the employee diversity and employment equity assessment(s):**

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**Has the institution assessed diversity and equity in terms of governance and public engagement?:**

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**A brief description of the governance and public engagement assessment(s):**

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**The website URL where information about the assessment(s) is available:**

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# Support for Underrepresented Groups

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution has mentoring, counseling, peer support, academic support, or other programs in place to support underrepresented groups on campus.

This credit excludes programs to help build a diverse faculty throughout higher education, which are covered in *PA 7: Support for Future Faculty Diversity*.

### *Part 2*

Institution has a discrimination response policy, program and/or team (or the equivalent) to respond to and support those who have experienced or witnessed a bias incident, act of discrimination or hate crime.

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## **Does the institution have mentoring, counseling, peer support, academic support, or other programs to support underrepresented groups on campus?:**

Yes

## **A brief description of the programs sponsored by the institution to support underrepresented groups:**

The Student Center for Inclusion and Culture (SCIC) supports Drexel University's commitment to being a Welcoming, Inclusive, Respectful, Engaging and Diversity-Minded Community. SCIC educate students on issues of social justice and identity. SCIC provide resources that foster awareness. SCIC empower students with knowledge, tools and experiences that promote global citizenship. SCIC advocate for our diverse students including but not limited to those whom identify as LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) and ALANA (African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American) students.

## **The website URL where more information about the support programs for underrepresented groups is available:**

<http://www.drexel.edu/diversity/groups/overview/>

## **Does the institution have a discrimination response policy and/or team (or the equivalent) to respond to and support those who have experienced or witnessed a bias incident, act of discrimination or hate crime?:**

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**A brief description of the institution's discrimination response policy, program and/or team:**

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**The website URL where more information about the institution's discrimination response policy, program and/or team is available:**

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**Does the institution offer housing options to accommodate the special needs of transgender and transitioning students?:**

Yes

**Does the institution produce a publicly accessible inventory of gender neutral bathrooms on campus?:**

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## Support for Future Faculty Diversity

### Criteria

Institution administers and/or participates in a program or programs to help build a diverse faculty throughout higher education.

Such programs could take any of the following forms:

- Teaching fellowships or other programs to support terminal degree students from underrepresented groups in gaining teaching experience. (The terminal degree students may be enrolled at another institution.)
- Mentoring, financial, and/or other support programs to prepare and encourage undergraduate or other non-terminal degree students from underrepresented groups to pursue further education and careers as faculty members.
- Mentoring, financial, and/or other support programs for doctoral and post-doctoral students from underrepresented groups.

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This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.

# Affordability and Access

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution has policies and programs in place to make it accessible and affordable to low-income students and/or to support non-traditional students. Such policies and programs may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Policies and programs to minimize the cost of attendance for low-income students
- Programs to equip the institution's faculty and staff to better serve students from low-income backgrounds
- Programs to prepare students from low-income backgrounds for higher education (e.g. U.S. federal TRIO programs)
- Scholarships provided specifically for low-income students
- Programs to guide parents of low-income students through the higher education experience
- Targeted outreach to recruit students from low-income backgrounds
- Scholarships provided specifically for part-time students
- An on-site child care facility, a partnership with a local facility, and/or subsidies or financial support to help meet the child care needs of students

### Part 2

Institution is accessible and affordable to low-income students as demonstrated by one or more of the following indicators:

- A. The percentage of entering students that are low-income
  - B. The graduation/success rate for low-income students
  - C. The percentage of student financial need met, on average
  - D. The percentage of students graduating with no interest-bearing student loan debt
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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

**Does the institution have policies and programs in place to make it accessible and affordable to low-income students?:**

Yes

**A brief description of any policies and programs to minimize the cost of attendance for low-income students:**

We have the Liberty Scholars Program, which provides for low income students from Philadelphia high schools with full tuition scholarships. AARD administers the ACT 101 program which is a Pennsylvania state grant program that provides for transition to college as well as support services for those who are economically disadvantaged and who are perceived as academically at risk. We also provide need based financial aid to students at the point of admission.

**A brief description of any programs to equip the institution's faculty and staff to better serve students from low-income backgrounds:**

AARD also provides in-service programs for advisors which include working with advisors on service to high-risk students.

**A brief description of any programs to prepare students from low-income backgrounds for higher education:**

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**A brief description of the institution's scholarships for low-income students:**

Through the Liberty Scholars program, Drexel provides 50 recent Philadelphia high school graduates with annually renewable scholarship awards covering 100 percent of tuition and fees. These Drexel Liberty Scholars will enjoy all of the benefits of a Drexel education as well as a mentorship program designed to ensure continued success at the college level. All recipients will live on campus as part of a learning community during their first year in the program.

**A brief description of any programs to guide parents of low-income students through the higher education experience:**

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**A brief description of any targeted outreach to recruit students from low-income backgrounds:**

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**A brief description of other admissions policies or programs to make the institution accessible and affordable to low-income students:**

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**A brief description of other financial aid policies or programs to make the institution accessible and affordable to low-income students:**

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**A brief description of other policies and programs to make the institution accessible and affordable to low-income students not covered above:**

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**Does the institution have policies and programs in place to support non-traditional students?:**

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**A brief description of any scholarships provided specifically for part-time students:**

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**A brief description of any onsite child care facilities, partnerships with local facilities, and/or subsidies or financial support to help meet the child care needs of students:**

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**A brief description of other policies and programs to support non-traditional students:**

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**Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (accessibility and affordability indicators)?:**

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**Indicators that the institution is accessible and affordable to low-income students::**

	Percentage (0-100)
The percentage of entering students that are low-income	---
The graduation/success rate for low-income students	---
The percentage of student financial need met, on average	---
The percentage of students graduating with no interest-bearing student loan debt	---

**The percentage of students that participate in or directly benefit from the institution’s policies and programs to support low-income and non-traditional students:**

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**The website URL where information about the institution's affordability and access programs is available:**

<http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/finaid/forms/>

# Health, Wellbeing & Work

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that have incorporated sustainability into their human resources programs and policies. An institution's people define its character and capacity to perform; and so, an institution's achievements can only be as strong as its community. An institution can bolster the strength of its community by making fair and responsible investments in its human capital. Such investments include offering benefits, wages, and other assistance that serve to respectfully and ethically compensate workers and acting to protect and positively affect the health, safety and wellbeing of the campus community. Investment in human resources is integral to the achievement of a healthy and sustainable balance between human capital, natural capital, and financial capital.

<b>Credit</b>
Employee Compensation
Assessing Employee Satisfaction
Wellness Program
Workplace Health and Safety

# Employee Compensation

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

### Part 1

Institution's employees and/or the employees of its on-site contractors are covered by sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies and/or collective bargaining agreements.

A sustainable compensation (or "living wage") standard, guideline or policy is one that addresses wages and benefits in terms of the ability of employees to meet basic needs. For example, a sustainable compensation policy may index hourly wages to a poverty guideline or to local cost-of-living indicators. A labor market survey, salary survey or similar assessment may be used in conjunction with a basic needs/cost-of-living approach, but is not sufficient on its own to count as a sustainable compensation policy.

### Part 2

Institution's employees and/or the employees of its on-site contractors receive sustainable compensation.

To earn points for Part 2 of this credit, an institution must assess employee compensation against one or more of the following:

1. A sustainable compensation standard developed or adopted by a committee with multi-stakeholder representation (i.e. its membership includes faculty, staff, and students and may include Human Resources administrators or other parties). The standard need not be formally adopted by the institution.
2. A sustainable compensation standard that is in use in the institution's locality. The standard may be formal (e.g. a "living wage" ordinance covering public employees) or informal (e.g. a standard adopted by a local, regional or national campaign).
3. An appropriate poverty guideline, threshold or low-income cut-off for a family of four.

For institutions that elect to assess compensation against a poverty guideline, threshold or low-income cut-off, sustainable compensation is defined as wages equivalent to 120 percent of the poverty guideline for a family of four. An institution may offset up to 20 percent of the wage criteria with employer-paid benefits that address basic needs (e.g. healthcare and retirement contributions).

Both parts of this credit are based on the total number of employees working on campus as part of regular and ongoing campus operations, which includes:

- Staff and faculty, i.e. all regular full-time, regular part-time and temporary (or non-regular) employees, including adjunct faculty and graduate student employees (e.g. teaching and research assistants). Institutions may choose to include or omit undergraduate student workers.
- Employees of contractors that work on-site as part of regular and ongoing campus operations. Such contractors may include, but are not limited to, providers of dining/catering, cleaning/janitorial, maintenance, groundskeeping, transportation, and retail services.

Construction and demolition crews and other temporary contracted employees may be excluded.

**Number of employees:**

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**Number of staff and faculty covered by sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies; and/or collective bargaining agreements:**

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**Does the institution have employees of contractors working on-site as part of regular and ongoing campus operations?:**

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**Number of employees of contractors working on campus:**

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**Number of employees of contractors covered by sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies and/or collective bargaining agreements:**

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**A brief description of the sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies; and/or collective bargaining agreements covering staff, faculty and/or employees of contractors:**

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**Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (assessing employee compensation)?:**

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**Number of staff and faculty that receive sustainable compensation:**

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**Number of employees of contractors that receive sustainable compensation:**

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**A brief description of the standard(s) against which compensation was assessed:**

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**A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution's lowest paid regular,**

**full-time employees:**

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**A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution's lowest paid regular, part-time employees:**

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**A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution's lowest paid temporary (non-regular) staff:**

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**A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution's lowest paid temporary (non-regular, adjunct or contingent) faculty:**

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**A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution's lowest paid student employees (graduate and/or undergraduate, as applicable):**

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**The local legal minimum hourly wage for regular employees:**

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**Does the institution have an on-site child care facility, partner with a local facility, and/or provide subsidies or financial support to help meet the child care needs of faculty and staff?:**

Yes

**Does the institution offer a socially responsible investment option for retirement plans?:**

Yes

**The website URL where information about the institution's sustainable compensation policies and practices is available:**

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# Assessing Employee Satisfaction

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution conducts a survey or other evaluation that allows for anonymous feedback to measure employee satisfaction and engagement. The survey or equivalent may be conducted institution-wide or may be done by individual departments or divisions. The evaluation addresses (but is not limited to) the following areas:

- Job satisfaction
- Learning and advancement opportunities
- Work culture and work/life balance

The institution has a mechanism in place to address issues raised by the evaluation.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

## Has the institution conducted an employee satisfaction and engagement survey or other evaluation that meets the criteria for this credit?:

Yes

## The percentage of employees (staff and faculty) assessed, directly or by representative sample:

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## A brief description of the institution's methodology for evaluating employee satisfaction and engagement:

Drexel University has conducted institution-wide surveys that include measures of employee satisfaction. There is a mechanism in place to address issues identified in the survey, including wide sharing of the results with senior leadership, and identification of recommended actions by the HR Advisory Committee, which includes broad representation across the institution. Methodology: Drexel University participates in the Chronicle of Higher Education's Great Colleges to Work For survey, last administered in 2013. The methodology includes two components:

Institutional questionnaire with 150 questions

Faculty/staff questionnaire with five-point scale of agreement/disagreement on 60 statements, plus 18 questions on benefits, two open-ended questions and 15 demographic questions

A random sampling of 600 faculty, administrators and staff is selected to receive the survey. The faculty/staff questionnaire is weighted the highest, with each statement categorized into 12 dimensions that form a Great College recognition category. Each college is compared to others of similar size and type, e.g., Drexel is a four-year, large (>10,000 students), research university.

**A brief description of the mechanism(s) by which the institution addresses issues raised by the evaluation (including examples from the previous three years):**

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**The year the employee satisfaction and engagement evaluation was last administered:**

2,013

**The website URL where information about the institution's employee satisfaction and engagement assessment is available:**

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# Wellness Program

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## Responsible Party

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## Criteria

Institution has a wellness and/or employee assistance program that makes available counseling, referral, and wellbeing services to all members of any of the following groups:

- Students
  - Staff
  - Faculty
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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

## Does the institution make counseling, referral, and wellbeing services available to all members of the following groups?:

	Yes or No
<b>Students</b>	---
<b>Staff</b>	Yes
<b>Faculty</b>	---

## A brief description of the institution's wellness and/or employee assistance program(s):

"A Healthier U is Drexel's comprehensive, University-wide wellness program aimed at improving the physical, emotional and financial well-being of all students, faculty and staff.

A Healthier U offers the members of the Drexel community the opportunity to positively impact the lives of themselves and their families by leveraging the many quality services and resources available to achieve optimum health. A Healthier U integrates these resources to provide a broad, collaborative program designed to foster an environment that produces positive life changes.

With its primary focus on physical activity, healthy nutrition and smoking cessation, Healthier U will increasingly integrate healthy behaviors into our University culture to help healthy individuals stay healthy, and provide those with health risks the resources they need to reduce their chances of chronic illness or serious medical conditions in the future."

**The website URL where information about the institution's wellness program(s) is available:**

<http://drexel.edu/healthieru>

# Workplace Health and Safety

## Criteria

### *Part 1*

Institution has reduced its total number of reportable workplace injuries and occupational disease cases per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee compared to a baseline.

### *Part 2*

Institution has fewer than 5 reportable workplace injuries and occupational disease cases annually per 100 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees.

This credit includes employees of contractors working on-site for whom the institution is liable for workplace safety, for example workers for whom the institution is mandated to report injuries and disease cases by a health and safety authority such as the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) or the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS). Injuries and disease cases include OSHA/CCOHS-reportable fatal and non-fatal injuries (or the equivalent) arising out of or in the course of work and cases of diseases arising from a work-related injury or the work situation or activity (e.g. exposure to harmful chemicals, stress, ergonomic issues). See *Sampling and Data Standards*, below, for further guidance on reporting injuries and disease cases.

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# Investment

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that make investment decisions that promote sustainability. Most institutions invest some of their assets in order to generate income. Together, colleges and universities invest hundreds of billions of dollars. Schools with transparent and democratic investment processes promote accountability and engagement by the campus and community. Furthermore, institutions can support sustainability by investing in companies and funds that, in addition to providing a strong rate of return, are committed to social and environmental responsibility. Investing in these industries also supports the development of sustainable products and services. Finally, campuses can engage with the businesses in which they are invested in order to promote sustainable practices.

Throughout this subcategory, the term “sustainable investment” is inclusive of socially responsible, environmentally responsible, ethical, impact, and mission-related investment.

<b>Credit</b>
Committee on Investor Responsibility
Sustainable Investment
Investment Disclosure

# Committee on Investor Responsibility

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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**

Communications Manager

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## Criteria

Institution has a formally established and active committee on investor responsibility (CIR) or similar body that makes recommendations to fund decision-makers on socially and environmentally responsible investment opportunities across asset classes, including proxy voting. The body has multi-stakeholder representation, which means its membership includes faculty, staff, and students and may include alumni, trustees, and/or other parties.

Institutions for which investments are handled by the university system and/or a separate foundation of the institution should report on the investment policies and activities of those entities.

A general committee that oversees the institution's investments does not count for this credit unless social and environmental responsibility is an explicit part of its mission and/or agenda.

This credit applies to institutions with endowments of US \$1 million or larger. Institutions with endowments totaling less than US \$1 million may choose to omit this credit.

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**Does the institution have a formally established and active committee on investor responsibility (CIR) or similar body that has multi-stakeholder representation and otherwise meets the criteria for this credit?:**

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**The charter or mission statement of the CIR or other body which reflects social and environmental concerns or a brief description of how the CIR is tasked to address social and environmental concerns:**

N/A

**Members of the CIR, including affiliations and role (e.g. student, faculty, alumni):**

N/A

**Examples of CIR actions during the previous three years:**

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**The website URL where information about the CIR is available:**

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# Sustainable Investment

## Criteria

There are two possible approaches to this credit; institutions may pursue one or both. Institutions for which investments are handled by the university system, a separate foundation of the institution and/or a management company contracted by the institution should report on the combined activities of those entities.

### *Option 1: Positive Sustainability Investment*

Institution invests in one or more of the following:

- **Sustainable industries** (e.g. renewable energy or sustainable forestry). This may include any investment directly in an entire industry sector as well as holdings of companies whose entire business is sustainable (e.g. a manufacturer of wind turbines).
- **Businesses selected for exemplary sustainability performance** (e.g. using criteria specified in a sustainable investment policy). This includes investments made, at least in part, because of a company's social or environmental performance. Existing stock in a company that happens to have socially or environmentally responsible practices should not be included unless the investment decision was based, at least in part, on the company's sustainability performance.
- **Sustainability investment funds** (e.g. a renewable energy or impact investment fund). This may include any fund with a mission of investing in a sustainable sector or industry (or multiple sectors), as well as any fund that is focused on purchasing bonds with sustainable goals.
- **Community development financial institutions** (CDFI) or the equivalent (including funds that invest primarily in CDFIs or the equivalent).
- **Socially responsible mutual funds with positive screens** (or the equivalent). Investment in a socially responsible fund with only negative screens (i.e. one that excludes egregious offenders or certain industries, such as tobacco or weapons manufacturing) does not count for Option 1.
- **Green revolving loan funds** that are funded from the endowment

### *Option 2: Investor Engagement*

Institution has policies and/or practices that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Has a publicly available sustainable investment policy (e.g. to consider the social and/or environmental impacts of investment decisions in addition to financial considerations)
- Uses its sustainable investment policy to select and guide investment managers
- Has engaged in proxy voting to promote sustainability, either by its CIR or other committee or through the use of guidelines, during the previous three years
- Has filed or co-filed one or more shareholder resolutions that address sustainability or submitted one or more letters about social or environmental responsibility to a company in which it holds investments, during the previous three years
- Has a publicly available investment policy with negative screens, for example to prohibit investment in an industry (e.g. tobacco or weapons manufacturing) or participate in a divestment effort (e.g. targeting fossil fuel production or human rights violations)
- Engages in policy advocacy by participating in investor networks (e.g. Principles for Responsible Investment, Investor Network on Climate Risk, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility) and/or engages in inter-organizational collaborations to share best practices

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# Investment Disclosure

## Criteria

Institution makes a snapshot of its investment holdings available to the public, including the amount invested in each fund and/or company and proxy voting records. The snapshot of holdings is updated at least once per year.

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**Does the institution make a snapshot of its investment holdings available to the public?:**

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**The percentage of the total investment pool included in the snapshot of investment holdings:**

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**A copy of the investment holdings snapshot:**

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**The website URL where the holdings snapshot is publicly available:**

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# Innovation

## Innovation

These credits recognize institutions that are seeking innovative solutions to sustainability challenges and demonstrating sustainability leadership in ways that are not otherwise captured by STARS.

Credit
Innovation 1
Innovation 2
Innovation 3
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## Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**

Communications Manager

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## Criteria

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**A brief description of the innovative policy, practice, program, or outcome :**

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**A brief description of any positive measurable outcomes associated with the innovation (if not reported above):**

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**A letter of affirmation from an individual with relevant expertise:**

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**Which of the following STARS subcategories does the innovation most closely relate to? (Select all that apply up to a maximum of 5):**

	Yes or No
Curriculum	---
Research	---
Campus Engagement	---
Public Engagement	---
Air & Climate	---
Buildings	---
Dining Services	---
Energy	---
Grounds	---
Purchasing	---

<b>Transportation</b>	---
<b>Waste</b>	---
<b>Water</b>	---
<b>Coordination, Planning &amp; Governance</b>	---
<b>Diversity &amp; Affordability</b>	---
<b>Health, Wellbeing &amp; Work</b>	---
<b>Investment</b>	---

**Other topic(s) that the innovation relates to that are not listed above:**

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**The website URL where information about the innovation is available :**

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### Responsible Party

**Irene Tsikitas**

Communications Manager

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<b>Coordination, Planning &amp; Governance</b>	---
<b>Diversity &amp; Affordability</b>	---
<b>Health, Wellbeing &amp; Work</b>	---
<b>Investment</b>	---

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Communications Manager

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## Innovation 4

### Criteria

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