

University of St. Thomas
Office of Sustainability Initiatives
presents

Environmental Stewardship Curriculum Grants

The Office of Sustainability Initiatives will sponsor \$1,000 summer grants for faculty to integrate environmental sustainability into their courses.

The purpose of these grants is to facilitate the inclusion of environmental sustainability as a significant feature of courses across disciplines. Adding sustainability throughout the St. Thomas curriculum is a goal inspired by the St. Thomas' strategic priority:

To effectively engage students in advancing the common good, we will build upon our strengths in ethics, sustainability, social justice, service learning, globalization and social entrepreneurship with diverse local and global communities. Specifically, St. Thomas will cultivate an ethic of the care for God's creation through curricular and co-curricular activities aimed at environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Application Guidelines

The OSI Environmental Stewardship Curriculum Grants support courses to be offered during the 2020-2021 academic year. Awardees will integrate environmental sustainability into a course by designing new assignments or units for a current course or by developing a new course. For example, awardees may select new readings and design new discussions, activities, or course projects that integrate environmental sustainability into course content. Plans that include Community-Based Learning objectives or Sustainable Communities Partnership projects are particularly encouraged.

All part- and full-time faculty across the university are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to faculty who have not previously received an Environmental Stewardship Curriculum Grant.

Applications must include the following (in no more than 1,000 words):

1. Describe what you see as the role of environmental stewardship and sustainability within your academic discipline.
2. Propose how you intend to integrate environmental stewardship and sustainability into your course.
3. Include your department's name in your proposal and indicate whether you have

received an Environmental Stewardship Curriculum Grant in the past.

Submit your proposal electronically to the Office of Sustainability Initiatives (osi@stthomas.edu). If you have questions about ways to incorporate sustainability in your courses or about examples of ways that others have done this in the past, Dr. Elise Amel (elamel@stthomas.edu) and Dr. Maria Dahmus (medahmus@stthomas.edu) in the Office of Sustainability Initiatives are happy to provide advice and assistance.

Proposals will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee convened by the Office of Sustainability Initiatives. If awarded a grant, your completed product (e.g., course syllabus, description of course innovation, hand-outs, references, or other supporting materials) must be submitted electronically to the Office of Sustainability Initiatives.