



Sustainability Award Program

In support of the University's strategic direction, *Next Lives Here*, and the goals outlined in the 2019 UC Sustainability + Climate Action Plan, the Sustainability Award Program serves as a celebratory and competitive framework for recognizing UC students, staff, and faculty who are doing exemplary work in sustainability. Any member of the UC community is welcome to submit a project that they feel meets the criteria outlined in either the Sustainability Teaching Award, Sustainability Student Award or Sustainability Staff Award category.

The intention of the Sustainability Award is to encourage and incentive the UC community to build and enhance our culture of sustainability while also supporting academic excellence, urban impact, and innovation.

- Program administered and “juried” by the PACES Steering Committee
- Nominations submitted online
- Awards handed out on Earth Day
- Small cash awards may be given
- Nominations through UC Communications Department, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government, News Record, listservs and social media
- PACES steering committee members, families and pets are not eligible for awards

Sustainability Teaching Award

This award recognizes outstanding individuals who are dedicated to cultivating a culture of sustainability at the University of Cincinnati. Awardees exemplify a strong commitment to their students and focus on innovative teaching methodologies or courses in particular classes during the current academic year.

Qualifications: Must be a University of Cincinnati faculty member teaching at least one (three credit hour or greater) course during the current academic year.

Sustainability Student Award

This award recognizes a student or student organization that exhibits an outstanding project or research related to sustainability. Awardees are innovative in their ways of solving problems in light of the climate crisis to enhance UC's culture of sustainability.

Qualifications: Must be a University of Cincinnati student or student group during at least one semester of the current academic year. Can be a project that was implemented or proposed.

Sustainability Staff Award

This award recognizes a staff member or department that shows their commitment to sustainability through an innovative project or implementation in their office and/or work. Awardees are dedicated to the enhancement of UC as a living laboratory, integrating sustainability into every aspect of the operations of UC.

Qualifications: Must be a staff member, office, or department at the University of Cincinnati. Project must take place within the current academic year.