


## Competition Details

### Sustainable Campus Fund Innovation Research Project Proposal

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#### Dates

<b>Internal Submission Deadline:</b>	Friday, February 27, 2026 at 4:00 PM
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#### Details

<b>Administrator(s):</b>	Graduate College (Owner)
<b>Category:</b>	Student Awards
 <b>Cycle:</b>	Annual
 <b>Number of Applications Allowed per Applicant:</b>	1
 <b>Number of Possible Awardees:</b>	1
 <b>Total Funding:</b>	\$0
 <b>Applications:</b>	7
<b>Reference Letters Required per Applicant:</b>	1

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#### Description

The [Sustainable Campus Fund](#) (SCF) supports students' vision of enhancing a culture of sustainability, innovation, and research on campus. Sustainability solutions can come from many areas of the University. The Sustainable Campus Fund has been created to effectively leverage education and solutions across campus to address the pressing sustainability issues of our time and in particular, their relationship to climate change. The SCF has three funding mechanisms: Academic and Co-curricular Education Projects, Infrastructure Projects and Undergraduate and Graduate College Innovation Research Projects.

The Graduate College solicits applications from graduate students for SCF Innovation Research Projects. Awards may cover research related to renewable energy, energy and water efficiency, transportation, recycling and waste reduction, purchasing practices, or food

and agriculture. Sustainability awards should aim to engage key aspects of sustainability wherever possible: social equity, ecological health, economic viability, human values and behavior. Outcomes may include, for example, insights on human behavior, data applications for a specific technology, policy recommendations and the creation of new knowledge relevant to sustainability. These awards are available for students in any discipline.

**The current deadline for receipt of proposals is February 27, 2026 at 4 pm.**

## **Eligibility**

UVM graduate students with minimum half-time enrollment status in the academic year are eligible to apply for SCF Innovation Research funds. Students must be in good academic standing; the Graduate College will review applicants' academic records. Proposals that require facilities and/or expertise of UVM faculty, staff or administration must include appropriate letter(s) of support.

## **Amount, Duration, and Budget**

Funds will be available July 1, 2026, and must be expended by June 30, 2028, or by the student's graduation date, whichever is first. The budget for the project must be between \$1,000 to \$30,000. The SCF may not be used for professional development for individuals, course work at other institutions or costs related to registration, travel, or attendance at meetings/conferences. International students should consult the University of Vermont Office of International Education if wages are requested as part of the budget.

## **Review Process**

Proposals will be vetted by a review panel that includes members of the Graduate College Graduate Executive Committee and the Graduate Student Senate Leadership. Successful applications will represent innovative ideas that align with the mission of the SCF and UVM, be feasible within the proposed budget and include all necessary regulatory approvals and/or evidence of collaboration and availability of facilities as needed.

## **Award Conditions**

Graduate students accepting SCF Innovation Research awards must comply with all applicable procedures and regulations. At the end of the award period, successful applicants will report their activities and accomplishments to the Dean of the Graduate College.

The SCF Innovation Research award will be acknowledged in all publications and presentations and, as appropriate, in applications for further funding.

## Questions

Contact the Associate Dean of the Graduate College, Christopher Berger, at [Christopher.Berger@uvm.edu](mailto:Christopher.Berger@uvm.edu)