

The SGA Green Grant 2023-2024

Context

The Student Government Association's (SGA) Sustainability Commission acts as the senior advisor to the SGA in all matters of sustainability and has recognized the absence of funding at Skidmore College for student-led initiatives for interdisciplinary sustainability efforts.

II. Application

All applicants will be required to fill out an application accessible through both the Sustainability Office's and SGA's web pages on the Skidmore College website. Only one application will need to be turned in per group or individual. The deadline for the application is December 15th, 2023, at 11:59 pm EST. The chosen project(s) are expected to be announced at

Green Grant Project Selection
Green Grant Program Evaluation and Development

A. Project Selection

The Green Grant Review Committee will base its final decision on the following criteria:

Content: The project must build on one of Skidmore College's sustainability goals identified in Skidmore's Campus Sustainability Plan as well as have a comprehensible plan of how the project can be self-sufficient after implementation.

Quality: The application needs to demonstrate students' knowledge or experience in their desired project.

Creative Thought Matters: The project must show creativity through either an original idea or a development of a current or previous Skidmore College initiative.

Intersectionality: The project is not required, but encouraged to consider Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (DEI) in collaboration with sustainability.

The projects that have been selected must use their own time overseen by the designated faculty or staff sponsor to complete the project. Designated sponsors must meet with their sponsored applicant(s) at the start of the project and as needed after to keep their sponsored applicant(s) on track with their approved timelines. Sponsors are expected to provide guidance and oversight of the project throughout the entirety of its execution. Lastly, sponsors are to be informed on The Student Government Association Bylaws Title VIII: Financial Policies and Procedures Section 9.13, the Green Grant, and Resolution 34-27: The Updated Green Grant Act.

Additionally, once the project is completed, participant(s) must present their project to the SGA Senate at the following SGA Senate meeting on the impacts and results of the project. Throughout the entirety of the implementation of the project, the participant(s) must report to the Green Grant Review Committee Co-Chairs at least once a month for updates and feedback.

B. Membership

Co-Chairs: *Tarah Rowse*, Sustainability Office Director, and *Apolonia Alvarez*, SGA Sustainability Commission Chair

Environmental Science and Studies Department Representative: *Karen Kellogg*, Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Studies Department

Facilities Services Representative: *Bruce Murray*, Director of Facilities Services

Leadership Activities Department Representative: *Emily Poole*, Associate Director of Leadership Activities

Appointed Student Representative: *Grace Coale*, Class of '25

Resources

The SGA Sustainability Commission and Sustainability Office are committed to being a consistent resource to students throughout the application and implementation process. The SGA Sustainability Commission will hold an annual Green Grant workshop event in the fall semester

to answer questions students may have about the Green Grant and serve as a networking opportunity to bring students together who may have similar sustainable initiatives. The Green Grant Review Committee members will also be encouraged to attend.