

# Green Fund

## 2018-2019 Academic Year Overview



The Green Fund engages students in projects that reduce the operating costs and environmental footprint of facilities on campus in the areas of energy, water, and solid waste.

In the 2016-2017 academic year, the Office of the Provost provided \$50,000 to launch the Green Fund and has renewed this amount each year since then. The Office of Sustainability (OS) administers the fund, supports students as they develop and implement projects, and reports the outcomes.

Student initiative drives Green Fund projects; campus partners offer guidance, expertise, and ownership. These projects offer students experiential learning and leadership opportunities.

Student proposals are reviewed by a 9-member committee that includes representatives from the Associated Students of Madison, the OS, Facilities Planning & Management, and academic departments.

In 2019, 33 students developed ideas for 17 projects with partners, including the Unions, and University Housing. Five of these projects were funded.

The Green Fund collaborated with two courses and three student organizations.

Since its launch three years ago, the Green Fund has awarded \$137,635 in funding to diverse teams for ten projects led by students that improve the sustainability of our campus.

"I learned how to work with a timeline, form a budget, communicate with campus partners and vendors, and adapt when faced with obstacles."

– Meg DiPoto, Green Fund Awardee

"It helped me see where school meets the real world. Sometimes it is hard to connect with what I do in classes. Working with campus partners made it all come together. I knew why we were there."

– Emma Nelson  
Green Fund Awardee



Students at work on a proposal

"There are a lot of good ideas out there about how we can make campus more sustainable, but what's often lacking is a champion who can do the leg work to turn the idea into a reality."

The Green Fund provides a way to harness the energy of students who are motivated to improve our environment and apply it to a tangible project on campus, empowering them to become project champions and see how their efforts can make a difference."

– Scott Williams  
Wisconsin Energy Inst., Green Fund Review Committee Member

"This project really gave me a sense of optimism about sustainability on campus."

– Maddie Clarke  
Green Fund Awardee



Students & project partners on site

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