

Indiana University Sustainability and Environmental Literacy Leadership Award

Deadline: Monday, November 3, 2008

Jeanne Sept, Dean of the Faculties and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs is pleased to announce the first award competition for collaborative sustainability and environmental literacy projects on the IU Bloomington campus.

The Purpose:

The Sustainability and Environmental Literacy Leadership Award will be given to a team proposing a new teaching and learning initiative that promises to have a sustained impact upon sustainability research and education and that could serve as a model for further development of academic programs with sustainability-related themes on the IUB campus. The team receiving this award will be honored at a public sustainability event in spring 2009 and will give a presentation of initial results during the 2009–2010 campus colloquia series, as well as a final report the following year. The team will receive up to \$30,000 to support activities detailed in the proposal.

Guidelines and Procedures

Criteria:

The Sustainability and Environmental Literacy Leadership Award is an honor given in support and recognition of a collaborative program (intra- or inter-departmental) designed to broaden and deepen Indiana University's teaching and learning on topics related to environmental sustainability, resource stewardship, and environmental literacy. Strong proposals will have a clear focus on student learning within a disciplinary context or across disciplines. The proposal should highlight the breadth and depth of faculty involvement. Evidence of departmental or school support (funding or resources) will strengthen a nomination. Evidence of innovation in teaching and learning methods and educational approaches that make use of campus and community resources as targets for learning could strengthen a nomination. The award will be given based on the quality and anticipated significance of new sustainability and environmental literacy projects. *Special consideration will be given to proposals by departments or groups of faculty who propose new interdisciplinary academic programs in sustainability-related fields.*

Nomination Process:

Teams applying for the 2008 Sustainability and Environmental Literacy Leadership Award should submit one copy of the following materials to the Office of the Dean of the Faculties, Bryan Hall 111. All full-time faculty members of Indiana University-Bloomington are eligible to apply.

1. A nominating letter of no more than two single-spaced pages from the dean, department chair, or unit head of each participating faculty member.

2. A five page (maximum) description of the program or initiative, including broad goals, specific research objectives, methodology, significance, and measures of success for the project.
3. A budget narrative.
4. A fact sheet that specifies:
 - a research plan and time schedule
 - the impact of your study on undergraduate or graduate teaching and learning
 - the names and roles of the principal faculty members involved
5. Supporting documents (e.g., brief bibliography) and/or letters of support (no more than three) from campus colleagues not involved directly with the program, off-campus colleagues, or students.

Deadline:

The deadline for submission of all materials in support of a nomination for the 2008 Sustainability and Environmental Literacy Leadership Award is Monday, November 3, 2008. Faculty applying for Sustainability Course Development Grants will not be excluded from applying for this award. Those submitting a proposal are encouraged to contact the Dean of the Faculties Office for further information. The award will be announced before the end of the fall semester.

The Review Process:

A faculty committee nominated by the Dean of the Faculties, in collaboration with the Task Force on Campus Sustainability, will review the applications.

If you have questions about the award or the selection process, please contact Michael Hamburger, Associate Dean of the Faculties (812-855-0239 or hamburg@indiana.edu). For more information about Indiana University's Sustainability Program, see <http://www.indiana.edu/~sustain>.