



Graham Sustainability Scholars Program

Join a transformative program during your junior & senior year

Graham Sustainability Scholars are supported, challenged, and inspired by peers, partner organizations, and others to determine how to incorporate sustainability into the campus, their lifestyle, their discipline, and the broader community. You'll participate in professional development seminars that are designed to enhance academic courses and help build your resume.

Graham Scholars begin the fall of their junior year and complete the program the fall of their senior year. A primary focus of participating Scholars is managing an interdisciplinary project with a local organization. Through experiences in project management and community engagement, Scholars hone leadership, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills — all tools needed to be a leader in any organization.

Program requirements include two courses (one field-based course and one project-based sustainability course) that may be counted as part of a major or minor. Additional requirements include the program kick-off retreat at the beginning of junior year, full participation in a monthly (fall and winter) seminar series and the interdisciplinary team project. All Scholars become certified U-M Planet Blue Ambassadors.

Program Benefits

- Receive \$4,000 to explore sustainability
- Join a diverse cohort of scholars from across campus
- Gain leadership and professional skills applicable to all fields
- Learn to collaborate with colleagues from multiple disciplines
- Develop real-world solutions in partnership with local organizations
- Apply for a paid (\$4,000) summer internship in sustainability

U-M Sophomores—Apply March-June

If you are a current U-M sophomore or incoming U-M transfer student with 3+ remaining semester of study, we encourage you to apply to the Graham Sustainability Scholars Program! Graham Sustainability Scholars share a passion for finding solutions to climate change, energy equity, and other sustainability issues. Scholars come from all fields of study and together create an interdisciplinary, cross-campus community of sustainability leaders. First generation students are encouraged to apply!

ABOUT THE GRAHAM SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE

The University of Michigan (U-M) Graham Sustainability Institute engages and supports faculty, staff, and students from all U-M units and integrates this talent to foster sustainability solutions. The Institute is supported by individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and U-M. We believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion are key to empowerment and the advancement of sustainability knowledge, learning and leadership.

Scholar's Testimonials

"The field-based study course exposed me to a wide array of perspectives, people, and experiences, giving me a better understanding of diverse approaches to resource management."

"I have learned so much about how to lead with confidence and integrate myself into a group of diverse and impressive individuals."

"[The Scholars Program] is an opportunity to have a close-knit community surrounding sustainability."


"Due to the variety of backgrounds in my cohort, each student has brought a unique set of skills to class conversations and other events that has ultimately empowered me to strive to [become] a transformational leader and a voice for the broader community."

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