Graham Sustainability Scholars Program

The Undergraduate Sustainability Scholars Program provides unique opportunities to expand and explore your interests in sustainability while engaging in leadership training. In addition to taking a nine-credit sequence of courses (see page two) and participating in co-curricular activities, you can receive up to $3,000 to pursue a field-based sustainability experience. You can take a course offered by U-M, find one through another institution or create your own independent study project!

To be considered for the program, apply in the winter of your sophomore year. If accepted, you will then supported, challenged, and inspired by your peers and professors to determine how you want to shape sustainability into your lifestyle, your campus, and your community. The program engenders networking with others on campus and with others you will hone your leadership, system thinking, and problem-solving skills—all tools need to be an active citizen in today’s transforming world.

If you are an enthusiastic and motivated sophomore (or non-traditional/transfer student) from any field of study looking to connect with other like-minded students on campus, we encourage you to apply for the Graham Sustainability Scholars Program. For details, visit the “Transformative Learning” section of the Graham Institute website at www.graham.umich.edu/learning. Or come to the Info. Session on Tuesday, December 1st or Monday, December 7th!

Scholar Testimonials

“Participating in the program has shown me how to find leadership in myself and harness my energies. I now feel like I have the capacity to drive fundamental changes in whatever setting I find myself in.”

“The program fundamentally changed the way I think about environmental problems.”

“If I were to cite one thing in my undergrad career that influenced me, it would be the Graham Scholars Program.”

Apply by January 29!

Info Session:
Tues. December 1st and Mon. December 7th Dana (1040), 5-6 p.m. Pizza!
Undergraduate Sustainability Scholars Program
Course of Study, minimum of 9 credits total
(Winter 2016)

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (6 CREDITS)

- UC 327: Sustainability Scholars Interdisciplinary Thinking Seminar (Fall of Junior Year) – 1 credit
- UC 427: Sustainability Scholars Leadership Development Seminar (Fall of Senior Year) – 2 credit
- ENVIRON/RCIDIV 391: Sustainability and the Campus – 4 credits

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FIELD-BASED SUSTAINABILITY COURSE (3 CREDITS MINIMUM)

OPTION 1: Take one of the U-M courses listed below. Graham Scholars receive priority access to many of these courses and are pre-approved for up to $3,000 in funding.

- EARTH 344/ENVIRON 344: Sustainable and Fossil Energy: Options and Consequences (3)
- EEB 455: Ethnobotany at the U-M Biological Station (5)
- ADABRD 311/391: Eco Explorers Gabon (3)
- EcoQuest: Applied Field Studies in New Zealand (credits vary)
- HISTORY 392/592/ENVST 462: Doing Environmental History in Japan (3); WITH field component CJS 281: Environmental Encounters in Japan: Past, Present, Prospect (2)
- Appropriate GIEU courses (offerings change annually; 2016 options in Brazil, Indonesia and Israel are eligible)

OPTION 2: Apply to use up to $3,000 for a course offered through another institution or for an independent study under a U-M faculty member. All experiences must be sustainability-focused, field-based, and interdisciplinary, and be taken for a minimum of 3 U-M credits. Scholars have access to an active archive that lists past programs that have been approved and outlines the process to obtain approval for alternative field-based programs.

The Graham Sustainability Institute engages, empowers, and supports faculty and students from all University of Michigan units, and integrates this talent, in partnership with external stakeholders, to foster sustainability solutions at all scales. The Institute is supported by individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and the University of Michigan.