About the Institute

The Graham Sustainability Institute (Institute) is a University of Michigan (U-M) Provost’s unit, fostering sustainability at all scales by leading stakeholder-centric activities that systematically bring together and harness talents across all U-M schools, colleges, and units. The Institute’s work focuses on three key areas: Translational Knowledge; Transformative Learning; and Institutional Leadership

External Advisory Board

The Institute relies heavily on an External Advisory Board (EAB) to inform and shape Institute strategy. By expanding Institute perspectives on pressing sustainability challenges, this esteemed group of leaders plays a key role in fostering U-M's global leadership position in the sustainability field.

Membership

- At any given time, the Institute has an EAB composed of approximately 20 members who collectively possess wide-ranging sustainability expertise across multiple sectors.

- Invitations to join the EAB are extended by the Institute Director (Director). Membership terms are open-ended and can be terminated at any time by the Member or Director.

- The Director selects one member to serve as EAB Chair, whose primary role is to run the meetings. The term is open-ended term and can be terminated at any time by the Chair or Director.

- EAB Members are expected to:
  - Attend one-day meetings in Ann Arbor, Michigan in April and October of each year.
  - Actively contribute ideas and perspectives during meetings.
  - Correspond with Institute leaders between meetings as opportunities arise.
  - Serve as Institute ambassadors and make new connections as appropriate.

- EAB Members are encouraged to:
  - Engage U-M students in sustainability projects/internships with their organizations.
  - Help secure resources to support Institute-led activities that align with Member interests.

Member Benefits

- Expanded sustainability perspectives resulting from in-depth discussions at semi-annual meetings
- Strengthened network through interaction with sustainability leaders across multiple sectors
- Direct access to sustainability expertise within the University of Michigan faculty and student body

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