Receive $4,000 to travel globally and explore sustainability

Join a diverse cohort of sustainability scholars from across campus

Develop personal leadership skills applicable to all fields

Learn how to collaborate with colleagues from multiple disciplines

Gain experience working on real-world solutions to sustainability challenges

All U-M (Ann Arbor) sophomores are encouraged to apply in January

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. Engage in co-curricular activities that foster interdisciplinary collaboration, community engagement, and join a network of more than 1,200 sustainability scholars.

Join a transformative program during your junior & senior year

Scholars are supported, challenged, and inspired by peers, clients, and others to determine how to incorporate sustainability into your lifestyle, campus, the broader community, and your discipline. You’ll participate in skill sessions and activities throughout your junior and senior years designed to enhance and expand academic courses.

Sustainability Scholars work with a variety of stakeholders and clients. Through these experiences and skill sessions, Scholars hone leadership, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills—all tools needed to be a leader in every organization. Scholars have unique opportunities to expand and explore their interests in sustainability through team-based projects and working on real-world sustainability challenges.

Program requirements include two courses (one field-based and one practicum or project-based) * and a two-day retreat (junior year). Additional requirements include a monthly seminar/skill session series (fall and winter), and Planet Blue Ambassador certification. *Both required courses may be counted as part of a major or minor, if approved by school/college academic advisor.

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Scholar’s Testimonials

"The field-based study program 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."

"It is an opportunity to have a close knit community surrounding sustainability without the constraints of [a major or minor]."

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

Sustainability Scholars Program

ABOUT THE 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.