

Sustainability Leadership Program 2018–2019

In this document, you will find an overview of the Office of Sustainability's mission, vision, and values. You will also find an overview of the Sustainability Leadership Program's goals, learning outcomes, and student expectations. Please review these materials and we hope you will apply!

To apply, please submit an electronic application using this [Google form](#) by Friday, July 27 at 5pm. Any questions can be directed to Sustainable.Dartmouth@Dartmouth.edu.

Dartmouth Sustainability Office Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

We challenge and empower Dartmouth College and our students to solve the human and environmental problems presented by a rapidly changing planet. We do this via hands on learning, building inclusive community, and transforming campus operations.

Our Vision

We imagine a Dartmouth where:

- All students understand the challenges of a rapidly changing planet, are motivated to address those challenges, and are equipped with the skills they need to effectively create change.
- Students are empowered to be sustainability leaders while they are at Dartmouth and to effect change here.
- Sustainability problems are systemic and multifaceted. Therefore, diverse points of view are necessary for generating effective solutions. At Dartmouth, diverse, interdisciplinary groups of students, faculty and staff come together to develop solutions that are just, equitable, and accessible to all people.
- Campus operations are reimagined to prioritize human and environmental well-being. Dartmouth pilots the best solutions here.
- Dartmouth is a leader in providing the world with the research, innovations, teaching models and human capital needed to tackle global sustainability challenges.

Our Approach and What We Value

We value new ideas and will fearlessly try new things.

We embrace challenging conversations and contrary points of view.

We collaborate and build off good ideas.

We strive to bring a positive approach to problem solving.

We value pausing for reflection, as well as actively seeking positive and negative feedback.

We actively create an office where everyone feels welcome and safe, we value individual well-being and happiness.

We balance challenging the status quo and being mindful of political capital and relationships around campus.

We strive to lead among sustainability offices and to collaborate on best practices.

We actively educate ourselves about the cutting edge of sustainability solutions and the big picture of global sustainability.

We work with a sense of team adventure.

We value where we live and work, and try to embrace the unique, awesome qualities of here.

Sustainability Leadership Program

Overview

The Sustainability Leadership Program supports an annual cohort of upperclass students with a toolkit of skills, community of peers, and mentorship to address multifaceted environmental, social, political, and economic issues. Students involved in this capstone program will meet once per week during the academic term for 2 hours, attend a day-long retreat, and receive one-on-one coaching with identified alumni, community members, and program leaders. Our hope is that this program will help students identify their personal values and connect those values to a vision of how to create change in the world post-Dartmouth.

Goals

- Learn a suite of tools and frameworks through which to address complex sustainability challenges including systems thinking, design thinking, visioning, reflective conversation, active listening, organizational change, and more.
- Engage in team building with a cohort of sustainability-minded Dartmouth students in order to foster lifelong colleagues, get feedback from peers, and practice skills for effective relationship building.
- Identify your core values and be inspired to address and aspire toward sustainability in all facets of life and work at and beyond Dartmouth.

Expectations for students

- Ability to commit to weekly 2-hour workshops during fall, winter, and spring terms.
- Attendance at 3 termly day-long retreats.
- Engagement in one-on-one coaching conversations with an identified coach.
- Interest and desire to get to know a diverse community of juniors and seniors interested in sustainability, and active engagement with this community throughout the year.

Why Should you Apply?

1. To turn your diverse academic interests (e.g. double interdisciplinary majors & two minors) into a career that creates meaningful change
2. To turn your major that you don't think is sustainability related into a sustainability career
3. To transform your sustainability passions into a way of life post Dartmouth (maybe as part of your career or not!)
4. To meet a new community of peers and support, collaborate, ideate, and commiserate with them through senior year and beyond
5. To tie a bow around your sustainability work at Dartmouth and focus on how that work advances you as a change agent
6. To connect with alumni and experienced coaches and mentors who can provide feedback and help you reflect on how to move through life's transitions
7. To learn and practice a set of skills that will serve you throughout your life by helping you lead yourself and others in a positive direction