



HIGHER EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS
SUSTAINABILITY CONSORTIUM

**Higher Education Sustainability Fellows Program
Application**

For Fellowship Year (s) 2008–2010

Application Deadline: September 29, 2008

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

HEASC

The Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium (HEASC) is an informal network of higher education associations (HEAs) with a commitment to advancing sustainability in both their constituencies and in the system of higher education itself. We seek to help higher education exert strong leadership in making education, research, and practice for a sustainable society a reality. Higher education's leadership is critical to help businesses become sustainable; to have strong thriving and secure communities; and to provide economic opportunities for the broadest number of people while preserving the life support system on which all current and future generations depend.

HEASC will support its members' work in advancing sustainability by:

- Promoting and enhancing each others' sustainability efforts;
- Providing a forum for sharing and exchanging information, knowledge, and experiences;
- Building the capacity of HEA's to make sustainability a goal of their programming and practices;
- Enhancing professional development, including training in sustainability for HEA staff and their constituents;
- Integrating sustainability into associations' professional development programs;
- Connecting HEAs to the best expertise, resources and information in sustainability for higher education;
- Producing a quarterly newsletter on trends in sustainability in higher education, including HEA efforts; and
- Engaging in joint projects, and in projects with other associations and organizations that advance sustainability.

About the Higher Education Sustainability Fellows Program

There are several individuals working on sustainability projects at various campuses throughout the country. Too often, they are isolated and disconnected from each other within each campus and across campuses. Additionally, they are often disconnected from national and international sustainability initiatives. To strengthen campus based sustainability projects, these individuals need colleagues and mentors to connect with, assist them with their questions, and nurture their leadership skills.

The program is designed to further the work of HEASC member associations and thereby facilitate partnerships with individuals, institutions and communities to advance renewable resources and sustainable practices. Fellows will be encouraged to:

- Improve the collection and analysis of sustainability related data,
- Foster and strengthen the value of sustainability efforts by the higher education associations and their members,
- Promote interdisciplinary and cross functional collaborations on sustainability education, and
- Develop training and pedagogical support for future fellows.

On the national level, people are needed to work:

- on national higher education association level projects;
- as conference presenters and institutional catalysts;
- as mentors and facilitators

Project and Program Development

Each Association and their fellow will work together to identify and develop specific projects and programs that will effectively move sustainability forward across the higher education sector. The below list includes examples of projects:

- Assisting the higher education association (HEA) with its existing sustainability efforts
- Coordinating a sustainability task force for the association
- Mentoring the association's membership on sustainability trends
- Writing articles for publication in association journals on sustainability
- Collecting informational resources on sustainability for the association and its members
- Creating and further developing sustainability webpage(s) and professional development offerings
- Developing and implementing strategies and mechanisms to work with other HEA's
- Supporting the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)
- Helping the HEAs share sustainability successes and resources with the larger community as higher education models sustainability for society.

Program Calendar and Selection Process

The fellowship year(s) begins September 2008 and ends August 2010. Applications are assessed through an evaluation process, including expert external and internal review from partnering associations.

Criteria

To complete the application, fellows must meet the following criteria:

- Must be employed by an institution of higher education or work primarily with the higher education sector
- Must have certain level of experience doing sustainability work (e.g. 4 years);
- Must have demonstrated success with sustainability initiatives (please list examples in application);
- Must be available to talk/communicate with your association, on average, one hour per week;
- Must be willing to help on national projects in sustainability (minimum commitment 4-5 hours per week).

The Fellows designation would not come with funds. It would provide status and recognition to the accepted applicants and be formally recognized by HEASC and the sponsoring association. The terms would be for two years with renewal possible by filing a renewal application. With such a structure, the numbers of fellows would continue to grow, helping to increase the number of mentors and volunteer hours for national projects. The renewal application could be denied by HEASC and the sponsoring association if the fellow is not meeting his/her commitments for mentoring and national work.

The HEASC website would host a Higher Education Sustainability Fellows page. Each HEASC member association would then list their fellows on their own page with a link to the Higher Education Sustainability Fellows page. This would facilitate the development of collaborative efforts within geographic areas, as well as across associations and institutions.

For more Information

For more information on the Higher Education Sustainability Fellows Program, please contact Kathleen Gardner at kagardn@siue.edu or call 618 650 4251

How did you first hear about the Higher Education Sustainability Fellows Program?

Advertisement:

Email listserv:

Name of publication

Name of listserv

Internet:

Flyer

Website (other than)

Friend

Other

I certify that the statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, that I am not delinquent in repaying any federal debt, and that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance while conducting any fellowship activity. If awarded a Higher Education Sustainability fellowship, I certify that I will abide by the rules and policies of the fellowship program, including maintaining valid legal status, fulfilling tax and visa obligations, and HEASC project requirements.

Signature of Applicant

Date

RESUMÉ / CURRICULUM VITAE

Please attach a recent résumé or curriculum vitae to your application. The résumé should list, in reverse chronological order, your education, including all degrees earned, professional appointments and experiences, awards and honors, and publications (if any).

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be sent by the applicant:

- 1. Cover Sheet (see page 5)
- 2. Applicant Information Form (see page 6-7)
- 3. Résumé or Curriculum Vitae (see page 7)
- 4. Two letters of Recommendation

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:

Please submit your application via e-mail to kagardn@siue.edu by **September 29, 2008**

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

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Your CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Address:
Tel:
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