

Welcome to the 2025 Student Sustainability Showcase!

EMORY



- Sustainability is central to Emory's culture, and Emory's sustainability achievements are nationally recognized: **Emory is ranked #5 in the Princeton Review's 2025 Guide to Green Colleges.**
- The **Student Sustainability Showcase** introduces students to involvement opportunities with sustainability-related organizations and departments on campus.
- Take part in our campus culture of sustainability by participating in an **OSI program**, joining a **sustainability-related student organization**, and/or exploring Emory's **academic offerings** in the disciplines of the environment and sustainability!



OSI PROGRAMS

2015 - 2025 Sustainability Vision and Strategic Plan



Our vision for Emory is to be a model of transformative practices and sustainable choices at every level. From the copy room to the operating room, from the class room to the residence hall —among academic units, healthcare units, and operational units—Emory will more deeply engage the challenges of sustainability and expand our leadership in higher education.

Read the [Vision here!](#)

EMORY EDUCATIONAL GARDENS PROJECT

The Educational Gardens Project (EEGP) is a sustainable food initiative that strengthens food security and teaches volunteers about growing their own food. Volunteers help with garden maintenance activities such as weeding, watering, planting, and harvesting. All members of the Emory community are invited to volunteer at weekly open workdays, which are one hour long. No prior gardening experience is necessary!

Email gardens@emory.edu to get connected!



OSI INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS



Emory's Office of Sustainability Initiatives (OSI) hires undergraduates, graduate students, Federal Work-Study (FWS) students, and Rollins Earn and Learn (REAL) program participants as interns. Interns conduct research, benchmarking, communications, and outreach in all areas of sustainability. OSI also launched a post-graduate Fellows program in June 2022 to provide entry-level experience to serve as a pathway for career opportunities in the sustainability and climate fields for recent graduates.

OSI will open applications in April, August, and November for internships!

GENERAL SUSTAINABILITY INCENTIVES FUND

The General Sustainability Incentives Fund supports research, campus-based projects, and the development of new rituals that promote sustainability and social justice at Emory. Grants for up to \$3000 are awarded each fall. All Emory faculty, staff, and students are eligible to apply. Projects that are centered on the social justice facets of sustainability are especially encouraged to apply. Past projects can be found [here](#).

Check [here](#) or [subscribe to our newsletter](#) to learn when the Incentives Funds reopen.





STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- ➔ **Emory students are passionate about sustainability, no matter their primary academic discipline.**
- ➔ **Connect with peers who are promoting sustainable values on campus through a variety of creative approaches and diverse perspectives.**



The Climate Reality Project

EMORY CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

We are directly associated with The Climate Reality Project, a global, non-partisan organization that aims “to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity.” At Emory, our chapter unites issues of climate, sustainability, and social justice through hosting informative events and running climate action campaigns. A past campaign worked to convince Emory to commit to using 100% renewable electricity. The goal of this campaign has now shifted to encourage President Fennes to declare a climate emergency. We prioritize inclusivity and invite all students, regardless of major or past experiences, to join us in our work towards ending the climate crisis.

Email emoryclimatereality@gmail.com to join our mailing list.



SLOW FOOD EMORY

We are passionate about increasing access to fresh, healthy food while reducing food waste. Our main initiative is our weekly produce gathering and cooking: we go to a farmers market to collect their surplus produce, then take it to be cooked at 1) Nicholas House, a shelter for families experiencing homelessness, 2) Hope Lodge, a free place to stay for cancer patients actively receiving treatment, or 3) Bread Coffeehouse, at which we prepare packaged meals for open-access Free99 Fridges. We also host food-related events through the year, including woodfire pizza making and cooking demos. We welcome anyone who is interested in food, cooking, sustainability, nutrition, volunteering, or interacting further with the Atlanta community!

Email emoryslowfood@gmail.com to get involved!



OUTDOOR EMORY

Sign up to join a trip [here](#), or email adventure@emory.edu to get involved!

Outdoor Emory provides opportunities for the Emory community to experience adventures in great outdoors, ranging from apple picking and day hikes, to ski and snowboard trips, caving, whitewater rafting, and more! We strive to offer a way for students to get off campus, explore the outdoors, and make new friends in the most natural environment there is.



EMORY BIKE SOCIAL

The Emory Bike Social is a group of undergraduate students dedicated to promoting cycling in the Emory community. We organize regular group bike rides (usually with free food and great scenery!) as well as educational, environmental, sustainability, and activism-oriented events. We collaborate with the Emory Spokes Council, our graduate student club, to run the Fixie, a bike co-op (free bike repair shop).

Email alison.thieberg@emory.edu for more details



Residence Hall Association (RHA) Sustainability Committee

RHA is the largest student-run organization at Emory, overseeing the residential experience at Emory from first year to graduation. Our hall councils have a massive role in defining what each residence hall looks like this year. Students gain leadership experience by planning events and advocating for fellow hallmates. The RHA Sustainability Committee is dedicated to teaching residents how to enact active change concerning sustainability by providing the necessary resources and knowledge.

Email rha.emory@emory.edu for more details



EMORY CLIMATE ANALYSIS & SOLUTIONS TEAM (ECAST)

ECAST provides a forum for undergraduates, graduate students, & faculty across Emory University to conduct climate-related analyses, advance climate solutions, and host events that aim to increase our members' capacity to take action. We are committed to helping members build the skills they need to become effective climate advocates throughout their Emory career and beyond.

Email theo.hofmann@emory.edu to get connected



Connect with other student sustainability groups on [The Hub!](#)



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

PI EPSILON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES HONOR SOCIETY

Pi Epsilon's first chapter and National Office was founded by a group of Environmental Sciences Ph.D. students at Wright State University in 2003. The Emory chapter was founded in 2022 by a group of Environmental Sciences undergraduates and graduates. Pi Epsilon promotes the study of environmental sciences through the recognition of exemplary scholarly and professional activity at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Environmental science is understood to be the study of our environment and all stressors Acting on it: chemical, physical, and biological. The Society seeks to promote interdisciplinary studies and foster interactions between industry and academia to further the study of environmental science.



Contact the organization at emorypiepsilon@gmail.com or ayaka.smart@emory.edu

ROLLINS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTION COALITION (REHAC)



Rollins Environmental Health and Action Coalition is a student-run organization at Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. We believe the environment influences our health and, as health advocates, we must promote a safe and sustainable community. Each semester we organize and promote various volunteer opportunities, advocacy events, and guest lecturers. We also sponsor events to help strengthen environmental awareness in our community. All interested RSPH students are welcome to get involved!



Email rehac.emory@gmail.com to get involved!

EMORY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Emory Environmental Report is committed to spreading environmental awareness and advocacy through student-driven journalism. The EER is Emory's hub for the scholarly discussion of contemporary environmental issues. As a student-run academic review, the report will provide insight into the ecological and environmental challenges of the modern day, while enabling committed students to develop solutions for global sustainability. Through a variety of sections providing insights into various aspects of environmentalism, the EER provides a space for rigorous and diverse discussions among the Emory student body.



Email emoryenvironmentalreport@gmail.com to get involved!



EMORY ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Emory Ecological Society was formed in the fall of 2020 as a space for students interested in protecting biodiversity to promote conservation and environmental literacy on campus. Our organization conducts ecological research, restoration, advocacy, and outreach both within the Emory community and in the metro-Atlanta area. We are a recognized chapter of the Ecological Society of America's SEEDS program.



Email emoryecologicalsociety@gmail.com with any questions!

PLASTIC FREE EMORY

Plastic Free Emory is a student-led initiative dedicated to phasing out unnecessary single-use plastics on Emory University's campuses. We do this work through education, outreach, policy change, and most importantly, Emory's Break Free From Plastic Pledge which seeks to phase out unnecessary single-use plastics by 2026.



Email anisha.johnson@emory.edu with any questions!

ALTKEY



AltKEY is a platform where activists and designers come together to spread awareness on upcycling, reducing consumption, and reusing pre-owned items. We strive to create an international organization that reaches many universities across the globe culminating in various sustainability fashion shows, conferences, and summits to educate others about how to be sustainable in the world of fashion and still be profitable. We will become the movement that changes the fashion industry forever, but first young talents.



Email altkeyofficial@gmail.com for more info!

EMORY VOTES

The Emory Votes Initiative, which is housed under Emory University's Center for Civic and Community Engagement, fosters a more civically engaged campus by providing voter information, increasing voter turnout, and empowering our community with credible political resources. Emory staff, students, and faculty developed this nonpartisan initiative to strengthen and centralize voting efforts on campus.



Email emoryvotes@emory.edu for more info

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PARTNERS IN SUSTAINABILITY

- ➔ Emory strives to serve as a model of transformative practice and sustainable choices at every level
- ➔ Learn about how our partners support local food systems, promote, sustainable commuting, and create a more sustainable campus!

OXFORD ORGANIC FARM

The Oxford farm uses sustainable farming to grow fresh, organic food, earning it a place on the list of Top 30 Sustainable College-Run Farms in 2015 in the country. Its produce is distributed throughout Emory dining halls, weekly Farmers Markets, and a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The Oxford Farm is a valuable outdoor classroom, giving students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with sustainable agriculture.

Learn more [here!](#)



EMORY FARMERS MARKET

The Emory Farmers Market connects seasonal, local food to the Emory community. The farmers market takes place every Tuesday from 11:00am-2:00pm on McDonough Plaza. Shop for groceries, lunch, snacks, drinks, and hand-crafted goods from one of our 16 local vendors. Engage with small-scale producers, support the local economy, and promote a more sustainable food system while enjoying delicious, fresh food. Students can use Eagle and Dooley Dollars.



Read more [here!](#)



EMORY DINING

Emory Dining strives to support sustainable, local food systems. Currently, almost 40% of the food served at Emory Dining locations is locally and/or sustainably sourced. Food waste is reduced by partnering with Emory Food Chain, a student group that recovers food and donates it to local food banks.

More details [here!](#)



THE WATERHUB

Emory's WaterHub is a water recycling system that uses eco-engineering processes to clean wastewater for future non-potable uses like flushing toilets. The WaterHub is capable of recycling up to 400,000 gallons of water each day— providing nearly 40% of Emory's total campus water needs.



Read more [here.](#)

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING SERVICES

Transportation and Parking Services supports commuting into and out of the Clifton Corridor. We offer services such as bike rentals, alternative commute options, registration, para-transit services, charter reservations, and so much more!

Learn more [here!](#)



FARMS FUND

Emory University partners with the national non-profit The Conservation Fund (TCF) to support a diverse new generation of farmers in rural Georgia and help build the local food supply across metro Atlanta with a first-of-its-kind sustainable solution to food production needs. Through the Farms Fund (formerly known as Working Farms Fund), TCF permanently protects farmland within a 100-mile radius of Atlanta through conservation easements. Emory, the largest employer in Atlanta committed to purchasing the sustainably raised food from farmers entering the program. This arrangement reduces food waste on the fields through coordinated growing and selling to Emory, reduces the distance food is transported, lowers carbon emissions, contributes to both the permanent protection of acres of greenspace, and provides farm livelihoods for rural Georgians who have historically been denied access to land and financing.



More details [here!](#)



EMORY UNIVERSITY

Transportation and Parking Services



ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

- Integrating sustainability-related courses into academics is a priority at Emory. .79% of departments offer sustainability courses!
- With sustainability integrated into the curriculum, campus becomes a living laboratory: Students connect knowledge gained in the classroom to actively advancing sustainability on campus.
- At least one of these numerous offerings is sure to meet your interest, no matter your primary discipline!

CONCENTRATIONS AND PROGRAMS

4+1 Programs

- [4+1 BS/MS with Laney Graduate School](#): Undergraduate ENVS majors can complete a BS in the College and an MS at Laney in 5 years. The MS curriculum is anchored in intensive research and the building of practical quantitative skills.
- [4+1 BS/EH MPH with Rollins School of Public Health](#): Undergraduate students can complete a BS and a Master of Public Health in Environmental Health in 5 years. This track adopts an interdisciplinary approach and allows students to tailor their degree to their specific interest area, such as climate change, air pollution, or policy.

Email Leah Thomas at leah.thomas@emory.edu for more details

[BBA Environmental Management Concentration](#)

This concentration is available through the Goizueta Business School BBA Program and is designed for students interested in pursuing careers in environmental management. Students will develop an understanding of the impacts and intersections of business decisions and environmental systems.

ENVS DEPARTMENT

Emory's Department of Environmental Sciences (ENVS) offers a variety of programs related to many different aspects of the environment.

- [ENVS Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [ENVS Bachelor of Science](#):
 - Earth & Atmospheric Science Track
 - Ecology & Conservation Track
 - Environment & Health Track
 - Social Science & Policy Track
- [ENVS Minors](#)
 - Environmental Sciences
 - Sustainability Sciences

[Research Opportunities](#):

ENVS offers students opportunities to apply in-class learning to hands-on research in exploring issues of public health, geology, climate, and more.

ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY CAREER COMMUNITY

Get access to Career Center advising and events, along with current job, internship, and research opportunities in sustainability-related fields.

Email Rey Murat at renoal.murat@emory.edu to participate.

SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED COURSES

- [Interdisciplinary Sustainability Minor](#):

This minor, run through the Department of German Studies, is designed for students to understand and explore the challenges of sustainability. The courses link the theoretical and practical by understanding how human institutions, organizations, cultures, and technologies link and interact with their biophysical environments.

Email Ben Sandman at benjamin.charles.sandman@emory.edu

- [Community Building and Social Change Minor](#):

The minor introduces students from a variety of majors to the challenges and opportunities for revitalizing and strengthening communities in contemporary urban America.

Email kdgrace@emory.edu with questions!

- [Piedmont Project Classes](#):

The Piedmont Project classes are developed and taught by faculty members, administrators, and graduate students with the tools, connections and inspiration to infuse sustainability and environmental issues into the classroom and beyond.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

At Emory, there is an opportunity for every sustainability-related interest: **climate advocacy, waste reduction, biking & hiking, sustainability in business, environmental health, and many more.**

OSI is here to support you through your sustainability journey— please use the contact information at the bottom of this page to stay up to date on new and exciting opportunities. Emory students are a driving force behind Emory's sustainability efforts and status as a national leader in sustainability. We can't wait to see how you will get involved!



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