

UVA ECONETWORK

Funding and Grant Resources

Overview

There are numerous ways to acquire funding for sustainability-related initiatives, independent research, CIO projects, unpaid internships, and more! Funding at the University can come in the form of a grant, which requires a formal application, or a co-sponsorship in which an organization provides some combination of funding assistance, help with event planning or marketing, volunteers, etc. on a case-by-base basis.

The UVA Student Council website provides a list of grant/co-sponsorship opportunities, which can be found [here](#). The opportunities on the StudCo website are not specifically targeted toward sustainability initiatives, but rather the student body as a whole. Applications are accepted either on a rolling basis or on a specified deadline.

Students involved in sustainability at the University tend to discover funding opportunities through the OFS website. More information on the opportunities listed below can be found [here](#).

- **Community-Based Research Grant (CBURG)**
- **Double Hoo Award**
- **Equity and Environment Fund**
 - One of the more well-known funding opportunities for sustainability projects

- Popular for students doing strikes/protests and events related to environmental justice
- GIFT (Green Initiatives Funding Tomorrow) Grant
- Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards
- The Jefferson Trust
- Teaching & Research Seed Grants
- UVA Sustainability Award
- Udall Scholarship

If you take any GSVS/EVSC course, you will likely receive emails from the professor to the listserv (even months-years after the course finishes) about funding opportunities or other sustainability-related events. Phoebe Crisman (read more in Professor Highlights document) is a great resource to ask questions about sustainability-related grants.

Applications for funding opportunities are accepted either on a rolling basis or on a specified deadline. Grants and co-sponsorships that have a specified deadline are generally very easy to miss, so it is encouraged that one keeps an eye out for these opportunities and remains cognizant of due dates.

Environmental Resilience Institute (ERI)

The Institute supports trans-disciplinary research and training at the intersection of environmental change and human well-being by connecting faculty, students, and citizens together to foster a more resilient and sustainable future. The ERI offers research, fellowship, and funding opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. For example, the Institute has offered grants for students looking to get involved in climate change and resilience research projects. For more information on current funding opportunities, visit their page [here](#).

Unpaid Internship Funding

- **Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows Program:** This program provides students with a \$5,000 stipend to assist students working in a government-based internship. More information can be found [here](#). Applications are usually accepted in the early springtime.

- **Z Society Gilbert J. Sullivan Scholarship:** This awards \$2,000 to a returning University undergraduate student. The scholarship intends to provide an opportunity for students to take a summer internship otherwise unattainable because of financial constraints. Priority will be given to applicants with a demonstrated financial need. For more information, email zsociety3711@gmail.com.
- **Parents Fund Internship Grants:** Available to support students looking at unpaid internships in public service. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Larry Simpson Internship Scholarship:** Available to rising 4th years in the College to support unpaid internships. More information can be found [here](#).

Non-UVA-Affiliated Funding Opportunities

- [US Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [US Department of Energy](#)
- [Environmental Defense Fund](#)
- [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)
- [The Sierra Club](#)
- [World Wildlife Fund](#)
- More green funding opportunities can be found [here](#). Green Scholarships can be found [here](#).

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