

## Our Mission

The Center for Sustainability promotes a culture of sustainability on the KU campus. The Center facilitates research, learning opportunities, and practices that address environmental, economic, and social responsibility. We serve as a connection for all members of the campus community - including faculty, staff, students, and alumni - to advance policies and projects and participate in processes that lead to a more sustainable future.

## Our Goals

- ◆ Identify and pursue funding to supporting cross-curricular sustainability research.
- ◆ Support student-based sustainability research projects.
- ◆ Develop service learning courses with a sustainability focus.
- ◆ Establish a campus-wide sustainability ambassador network of faculty, staff and students.
- ◆ Identify sustainable practices that present cost-saving opportunities for campus operations.

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## What is Sustainability?

Sustainability is generally defined as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." It involves making decisions that preserve the values of environmental, economic, and social responsibility.

## Sustainability at KU

The University's pursuit of a sustainable future means new opportunities for cross-curricular learning and research along with more responsible operations on campus—environmentally, financially, and socially.

Through the development of research teams, student research projects, service learning courses, and a campus-wide network of sustainability ambassadors, the Center for Sustainability (CFS) will work with the campus community to find collaborative solutions to the environmental and economic challenges facing our campus—and the global community—both now and in the future.

## How can I get involved?

Working towards a sustainable future for KU involves the entire campus community. Through research, project implementation, and the sharing of ideas, we can make sustainability part of every day life at the University of Kansas.

### Students

Through connections with campus faculty and staff, CFS can assist students by identifying opportunities to get involved with ongoing research, supporting student initiatives, and developing service learning courses. Students can also serve as ambassadors for their academic department, student organization, or living group.

### Staff

Staff members can serve as ambassadors to help address environmental challenges and promote sustainable practices within their unit. They can further support the mission of CFS by helping identify opportunities for institutional research and collaboration

### Faculty

Faculty can represent their academic department as part of the ambassador network or incorporate sustainability and service learning into the courses they teach. Faculty can also support the research mission of the center by requesting to become an affiliate.

### Ambassadors

The ambassador network serves as a pathway for new ideas, partnerships, and information about sustainable research and practices on campus. Ambassadors have the opportunity to work with representatives from across campus, guide the agenda of CFS, and shape the campus environment by promoting sustainable practices.

### Affiliates

Affiliates of CFS contribute to the Center's mission through research and/or teaching. Affiliates receive assistance developing service learning courses and interdisciplinary collaborations that can enhance grant proposals, as well as regular updates on program activities, grant opportunities, and research projects.