

# The Green Initiative Fund

University of California, Berkeley

## Announcement of 2012 TGIF Grant Awards

The 2011-2012 TGIF Grant Application Process has been a year of reaching milestones. The TGIF Committee selected 22 projects for grant awards, the most projects awarded in one grant year, and awarded a total of \$308,630, the most funding awarded in one grant year. This year's amount puts TGIF over the million dollar mark in total grant funding awarded: \$1,270,101 in five years of grant awards.

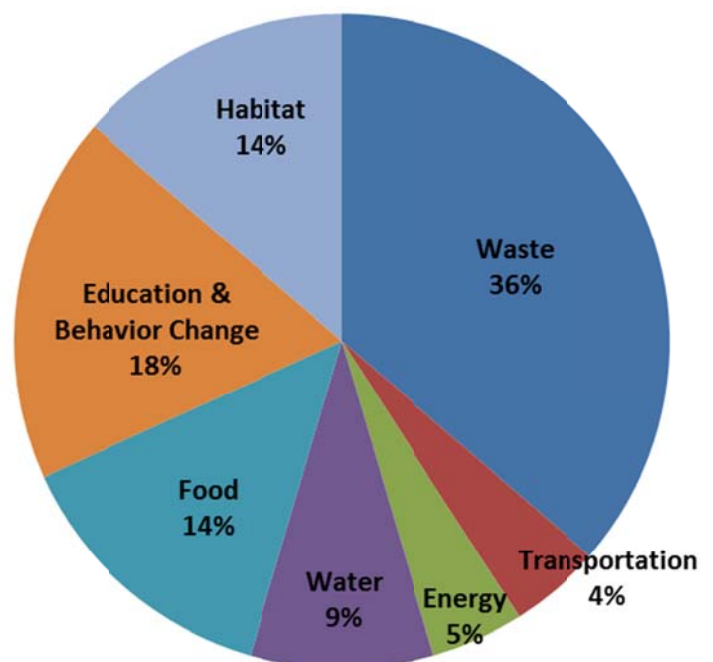
TGIF also reached milestones for most abstracts received and most abstracts invited to submit applications. TGIF received 25 Early Abstract Submissions and 27 Final Abstract Submissions, with seven abstract resubmissions and four abstracts choosing not to resubmit. The Committee then invited a total of 28 abstracts to submit final applications.

A final milestone met by this year's grant awards was greatest number of student internships funded at 56, up from last year's 32 student internships.

In terms of project themes, 2012-2013 will be the year of "waste reduction" with the TGIF Committee awarding 8 waste-related projects, in line with UC Berkeley's goal of Zero Waste by 2020. Due to the variety and quality of this year's submissions, the TGIF Committee was able to select at least one project in each sustainability category.

### 2012 TGIF Project Themes

Theme	# of Projects	%
Waste	8	36.36%
Transportation	1	4.55%
Energy	1	4.55%
Water	2	9.09%
Food	3	13.64%
Education & Behavior Change	4	18.18%
Habitat	3	13.64%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Leader(s)</b>	<b>Departmental or Student Group Sponsor</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Berkeley Science Review-Greening</b>	This grant will cover the difference in costs for the BSR to print on 55% recycled-content paper, purchase carbon offsets to cover delivery costs of the BSR, and fund a workshop to share green printing practices with the other 40+ ASUC publications.	<i>Sebastien Lounis</i>	Berkeley Science Review	\$1,152
<b>Berkeley Student Food Collective Food Prep Expansion</b>	This grant will be used by the BSFC expand its in-house food prep as a part of its larger mission to increase sustainable food accessibility to the Berkeley campus and community.	<i>Ilana Nevins, Kate Kaplan</i>	Berkeley Student Food Collective	\$2,560
<b>Cal Dining Sustainability Team</b>	This grant will fund four sustainability interns to 1. Audit Cal Dining's operations for consistent application of green standards; 2. Measure the environmental impact of Cal Dining operations, identify benchmarks, and implement programs to reach the benchmarks; 3. Increase sustainability awareness amongst the Cal community.	<i>Jenna Kingkade, Michael Laux, Monica Harnoto, Josh Hubert, Nicholas Lam, Nicole Won</i>	Cal Dining	\$8,243
<b>CITRIS Sustainability Champion Awards for Undergraduates</b>	This grant will fund five student internships. Interns will be mentored by graduate students and partnered with environmentally-related companies to complete hybrid research-job training internships.	<i>Jason Trager, Paul Wright</i>	CITRIS	\$20,060
<b>Compost Alliance 2012: Institutionalizing In-House Composting</b>	The grant will assist Compost Alliance in continuing compost implementation within campus buildings in order to reach "critical mass" and work with campus officials to institutionalize composting as an in-house operation.	<i>Annie Gorden, Anna Szendrenyi, Lin King</i>	Campus Recycling and Refuse Services, Compost Alliance	\$40,270
<b>EcoMovie Nights</b>	This grant will fund a monthly environmental documentary series that engages, educates, and inspires the Cal community to get involved with environmental campaigns. Films will be selected based on a monthly theme and followed by theme-centered discussion, facilitated by experts or related student groups.	<i>Judy Li, April Jauhal, Natalie Sanchez, Jun Li Yian</i>	ASUC Sustainability Team	\$2,420
<b>Food Day 2012</b>	This grant will fund a student intern and materials for Food Day 2012. The intern will work with campus eateries and student groups on continuing Food Day ideals year-round in collaboration with the Nutrition & Physical Activity	<i>Kristen Rasmussen</i>	Health Matters, University Health Services	\$3,875

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	Workgroup and Sustainable Food Service Workgroup.			
<b>Getting to Zero Waste: Waste Audits</b>	Funding will allow CRRS to standardize and perform week-long waste audits in collaboration with student interns, providing needed metrics for UC Berkeley's zero waste plans.	<i>Lin King</i>	Campus Recycling and Refuse Services	\$17,424
<b>Green Garden Program Intern</b>	This grant will fund a student intern to take a lead in the Integrated Pest Management program and to work with horticultural staff and the compost tea intern to refine and define UCBG's organic fertility regimens.	<i>Chris Carmichael, Anthony Garza</i>	UC Botanical Garden	\$3,840
<b>Installation of Bottle Refill Stations</b>	Funding will be used to install three bottle refill stations and sixteen bottle filler retrofits.	<i>Trish Ratto</i>	Health Matters, University Health Services	\$25,000
<b>Learning and LEEDing at Cal</b>	This grant will fund three student interns and the expansion of the BS@C LEED Intern Program to offer project LEED certification services for campus renovation projects currently below the threshold required by the campus Policy on Sustainable Practices.	<i>Tanya Vashchenko, Judy Chess</i>	Building Sustainability at Cal	\$14,800
<b>Minimizing Hazardous Waste Through Chemical Exchange</b>	This grant will fund a student intern charged with creating an online chemical exchange program to reduce the quantity of chemicals purchased by UC Berkeley, reduce the amount of hazardous materials in storage, and reduce hazardous waste disposal and associated costs.	<i>Kelley Etherington, Pat Goff</i>	Environment, Health & Safety	\$4,200
<b>Nature Village: Sustainable Family Living</b>	This grant will fund supplies and student internships to create waste, energy & water, and education & outreach programs at University Village, to promote sustainability and resource conservation amongst the residents.	<i>Lludmila Moran, Tavie Tipton</i>	The University Village Office	\$16,861
<b>“Out-Moded”- Alternative Transport Marketing &amp; Outreach</b>	Funding will be used four student interns charged with conducting a transportation survey assisting commuters with switching to alternate modes of transportation.	<i>Billy Riggs, Seamus Wilmot, Jennifer McDougall</i>	Capital Projects, Physical & Environmental Planning, Parking & Transportation	\$7,000
<b>Recycling on Campus Tennis Courts</b>	Funding will allow for the purchase of recycling bins for 21 campus tennis courts and the implementation of education, outreach, and donation programs for recycling and reuse of tennis equipment.	<i>Annie Goransson</i>	Athletics, Campus Recycling and Refuse Services	\$1,386
<b>Strawberry Creek Planting (Filling the Weed</b>	This grant will fund five student internships and the supplies needed for identifying and planting native	<i>Lauren Hallett, Dr. Katherine Suding</i>	Suding Lab	\$16,232

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<b>Shaped Hole)</b>	species that can resist re-invasion by ivy and still realize the other essential ecosystem services desired by the campus community			
<b>Strawberry Creek Student Restoration Leadership Program, Phase II</b>	Funding will expand Strawberry Creek Student Restoration Leadership Program, which will incorporate environmental education outreach, student/community member skill development, and water quality monitoring to prevent pollution of Strawberry Creek and foster environmental stewardship.	<i>Tim Pine, Carolyn Orson</i>	EH&S, Strawberry Creek Program	\$18,082
<b>Student Sustainability Resource Center</b>	This grant will initiate the establishment of a permanent Student Sustainability Resource Center by funding five implementation & planning interns and a workshop for setting objectives and plans.	<i>Nolan Pack, Mauricio Castillo, Noah Puni</i>	ASUC	\$12,000
<b>Waste Not, Want Not: Zero Waste Events</b>	This grant increase campus efforts to hold zero waste events by supporting Cal Dining, hiring a student intern, funding medium-sized zero waste campus events, and collaborating with the Office of Sustainability's Green Event Certification.	<i>Lin King, Michael Laux</i>	Campus Recycling and Refuse Services	\$6,475
<b>Water Conservation in the Greek Community</b>	This grant will fund a water conservation competition amongst the fraternities and sororities, the installation of water conservation retrofits & appliances, and an education & outreach program.	<i>Patrick Smith, Theresa Joy Hannig</i>	Greening the Greeks	\$29,250
<b>Wurster Waste Management</b>	Funding will be used to pilot an indoor recycling program with standardized bins, signage, and education to then be implemented campus-wide, pending results.	<i>Eli Perszyk</i>	College of Environmental Design, Facilities Services	\$38,400
<b>Zero Waste Research Center</b>	This grant will fund five student interns charged with running a Zero Waste Research Center and Plastics Disclosure Project to address the issues surrounding upstream waste that currently prevent UC Berkeley from attaining its zero waste goal.	<i>Kimberly Lam, Liz Chan, Lin King</i>	Campus Recycling and Refuse Services	\$19,100
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$308,630</b>

Consistent with projects funded from 2008-2011, each of the 2012 TGIF Grant Awards will receive its own project page on the [TGIF website](#), to be live by the end of May. Visitors to the project pages will be able to find more in-depth descriptions of the projects' goals and potential metrics, and be able to download the original application submissions.

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## 2011-2012 TGIF Committee

	Name
<b>Voting Members</b>	
<i>Administration</i>	Kira Stoll
<i>Associated Students of UC Berkeley</i>	Kailin Lu
<i>Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability</i>	Rachel Chang
<i>Student At-Large Representative</i>	Mauricio Castillo, Vice Chair
<i>Faculty</i>	David Jenkins
<i>Facilities Services</i>	Lin King
<i>Graduate Assembly</i>	Autumn Petros-Good, Chair
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	
<i>Committee on Student Fees</i>	Deanna Alwafai
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	Judy Chess
<i>Office of Sustainability</i>	Lisa McNeilly
<i>TGIF Coordinator</i>	Katherine Walsh

Please note: Committee Members who are associated with applications are not allowed to vote on those applications and are required to leave the room during discussion and voting of those applications.

## Next Steps

TGIF will be strongly represented at the 2012 California Higher Education Sustainability Conference to be held at UC Davis, June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>:

- 2011 TGIF Grant Award [Waste Reduction in the Cal Greek Community](#) has been selected to present during the Student Convergence.
- 2011 TGIF Grant Award [Fight the Flow](#) has been selected to present a poster during the Poster Session.
- 2011 TGIF Grant Award [Green Cup Competition](#) (formerly known as Greeks Energy Competition) has been selected as the 2012 “Best Student Energy Efficiency Program” from the UC and CSU systems. Green Cup Competition will also be presenting a poster during the Poster Session.
- TGIF Coordinator Katherine Walsh has been selected to facilitate a Green Fund World Café session along with Elissa Martinez (UCSC), John J. Griffin (CSU, Channel Islands), and Alyssa Hall and Erica Aguilera (UCSB).

Four TGIF projects have been selected to present posters at UC Berkeley’s Stay Day on May 23, 2012 at the Clark Kerr Campus: [Human Powered Gym](#), [ASUC Green Certification](#), [Teaching, Learning, & Change \(TLC\)](#), and [Compost Alliance](#).

Finally, TGIF will launch its first ever “Mini-Grant Program” in Fall 2012, with funding cycles in October and December. Projects can apply for up to \$2,000 in grant awards, and the TGIF Committee hopes to award between \$20,000-30,000 in total. The Mini-Grant Program will become an annual TGIF program, in addition to the annual spring funding cycle.

TGIF invites you to learn more about our grant opportunities and projects on our [website](#) or by reading the [TGIF blog](#). You can also follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the most up-to-date news, job opportunities, and eco-events.