



Call for Nominations for the Harris Pastides and Patricia Moore-Pastides Student Sustainability Award

Sustainability as defined by the University of South Carolina:

Sustainability is an emerging field of problem-driven, interdisciplinary scholarship and practice that focuses on the dynamic relationship among the environment, economy and society. Sustainable systems aim to protect the environment, promote economic prosperity, advance social justice, and enhance quality of life for present and future generations. The field is defined by the problems it addresses rather than the disciplines it employs. It draws from multiple disciplines of the natural, social, medical and engineering sciences, from the professions and humanities, and from practical field experience in business, government, culture and civil society.

Selection Committee

- At least one (1) representative from the Office of Sustainability (preferably the Director)
- At least one (1) representative from the School of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment

Eligibility

Students who are Juniors and who will have completed 90 credit hours by the end of the Spring semester in which the award is made (i.e. rising seniors) shall be eligible to be nominated. Students must be currently enrolled full-time students, have a minimum GPA of 3.0. and plan to enroll in the Fall semester.

Students can be self-nominated, or nominated by a member of the USC community students, staff or faculty. Nominations should address how the student has made an impact in one or more of the following areas related to sustainability: scholarship, leadership, and engagement.

Award Areas

- **Scholarship:** Through an intensive discovery or research project, the student has revealed a new understanding of the interdisciplinary connections between the environment, economy and society. Conclusions from the project should demonstrate the importance of sustainability research, suggestions for USC campus operations, and/or contribute to social progress.
- **Leadership:** The student has demonstrated an ability to put theory into practice by leading a team to execute a major program or project that promotes sustainability at USC.
- **Service/Engagement:** The student has exhibited a commitment to service and educational outreach through engagement with the campus and local community. Through intensive projects and programs, the student has helped to elevate the education of these two populations.

The nomination shall include: a completed application form, a letter of nomination specifying the award areas in which the student has made an impact, and two letters of recommendation supporting the impact of the student's efforts at USC. Nominations shall be submitted to Jacqueline McClary (mcclaryj@mailbox.sc.edu) by February 10.