

University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Student Group Award in Sustainability

Quota(s)/year: 1

The UTM Student Group Award in Sustainability recognizes an outstanding student group who has demonstrated commitment to the principles of sustainability through their campus involvement. This award will be presented to a Student Organization Portal recognized Student Group who has led initiatives that make positive contributions to climate change and/or sustainability that impact both UTM and our planet.

For the purposes of this award, the definition of sustainability is drawn from UTM's Sustainability Strategic Plan: "Our vision of sustainability, as articulated by the Sustainability Pathways Working Group (SPWG), rests on the principle that the biosphere is the foundation for all human activities: the well-being of present and future generations depends on the health of our shared ecosystems. We seek to create a culture that respects the earth and all of its inhabitants."

Eligibility:

1. Open to all Student Organization Portal Recognized Student Groups; this award is not eligible for student societies and/or academic societies.
 - a. The Student Group does not need to have an explicit focus on sustainability to qualify for this award
2. Impact under consideration must have primarily occurred between April 2024 – March 2025
3. Involvement in, and commitment to, sustainability that impacts the UTM community on a broad or small scale

Selection Criteria

Applications for this award will be evaluated according to 4 criteria: involvement, group development, community impact and a commitment to equity & inclusion.

A successful application will demonstrate:

- **Involvement:** Participation in campus activities related to sustainability. You will be evaluated based on the depth (how significant your contribution is) and breadth (how widespread, collaborative, and/or replicable your contribution is) of your involvement.
- **Group Development:** How your group has grown and evolved as a result of your involvement in sustainability activities.
- **Community Impact:** Contributions to sustainable practices and its impact on the UTM community, including the quality of campus life, influencing institutional affairs, developing and engaging others, and fostering a sense of community.
- **Commitment to Equity & Inclusion:** Evidence of a proactive approach to creating a respectful and inclusive community through your contributions to sustainability.