

GESA Eco-Grant

The Eco-Grant is an annual award that is made possible through the fundraising efforts of The University of Winnipeg Geography and Environmental Student Association (GESA).

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Eco-Grant is to encourage the development of sustainable projects either on or off campus, and to support environmental stewardship within the University of Winnipeg community. The objective of the Eco-Grant is to fund projects, research and/or travel that will:

- Positively impact the sustainability of The University of Winnipeg and/or local environmental efforts.
- Empower individuals to engage in sustainable projects on campus and in the wider community.
- Increase environmental stewardship within the campus and local community.
- Encourage individuals to initiate and execute their ideas.

Eligibility

Eligibility varies between categories. The following University of Winnipeg affiliated individuals (or a group consisting of affiliated individuals) are eligible to apply for funding:

- Current students (undergraduate or graduate)
- Alumni
- Faculty
- Individuals who are conducting research under the supervision of a University of Winnipeg faculty member

Categories

Applications must fulfill the conditions of the Eco-Grant Category that is being applied for.

1. **Sustainability Project:** Projects under this category will promote sustainability on campus or within the wider community. Past projects have included rooftop gardens, plastic bag recycling and campus beehives. Open to all eligible applicants.
2. **Research Award:** For research in either the physical or social sciences that will promote environmental sustainability. Limited to research being conducted by a current student, or by an individual under the supervision of a University of Winnipeg faculty member.
3. **Travel Award:** For travel-related costs for attending a relevant conference or other professional development event that will equip the applicant to make subsequent contributions to environmental sustainability. Limited to students and alumni.

Grant Information

- A total of \$1500 will be granted towards funding the selected application(s).
- The Eco-Grant Committee, composed of GESA members, will choose the recipient(s).
- Finalists may be interviewed by the Eco-Grant Committee.
- Please note that campus based and student projects will receive priority.
- Recipients agree to any conditions/restrictions imposed by the Eco-Grant Committee.
- Recipients must provide an update on their projects within one year.

Eco-Grant Travel Award Application

Application deadline is **Monday, March 2, 2026**
Submit completed applications to gesa.exec@gmail.com

Part 1: Applicant Information

Current student Alumni

First Name: Last Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address: Phone Number:

Student Number: Year: Degree and Major:

Please submit the following as separate documents with the file names clearly stating which part they are for. For example, the file name for Part 4 should be "Your Name - Part 4 Benefit"

Part 2: Relevant Experience and Awards

Please provide the following:

- A resume
- A transcript (unofficial or official)
- If applicable: grants, awards and scholarships received in the past (if they are not already included on an individual's resume)

Part 3: Conference/Event Information

Name:

Location:

Dates:

Link to event website:

Please include a copy of your abstract and acceptance if attending a conference.

Part 4: Benefit

Prepare a brief summary on the benefits of the conference. Please include the following:

- A description of the conference/event.
- How you will personally benefit by attending.
- How attending the event will equip you to make subsequent contributions to environmental sustainability.
- Justification as to how attending will fulfill the purpose and objectives of the Eco-Grant.

Part 5: Estimated Costs and Budget

Please provide the following:

- Any receipts or documentation you already have.
- The estimated total cost of attending, and a breakdown of the costs.
- Any other funding sources you have obtained or applied for.

Part 6: Applicant Signature

Your signature below indicates that the information you have provided is accurate and that you will agree to any conditions or restrictions imposed by the Eco-Grant Committee.

Signature

Date

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