

Sustainability Conference & Career Fair – Room 1: Poster & Research Room

Purpose:

This room is dedicated to showcasing student-led research, community initiatives, and sustainability-focused projects. Participants will present their work through posters and visual displays, interact with judges, and engage attendees by answering questions about their projects.

Eligibility:

- Open to students with original research projects, community initiatives, or sustainability-focused endeavors.
- Projects may be independent, school-based, or affiliated with community organizations or nonprofits.
- Students may participate individually or as part of a team.

Application Requirements:

- Only one team member is required to submit the application for group projects.
- Applications must include:
 - Participant(s) first and last name(s)
 - Project title
 - Abstract and hypothesis
- **Application Deadline:** March 10, 2026

Participant Expectations:

- Present the project clearly and professionally using a trifold display.
- Explain methodology, the problem addressed, and relevance to sustainability.
- Engage with judges, mentors, and attendees in a professional manner.

- Maintain high standards of professional behavior and presentation.

Trifold Display Requirements (Conference Day):

- Standard trifold size: approximately 36 in × 48 in.
- Supplemental models or props are allowed if they do not require electrical power.
- **Required Sections:**
 1. Participant name(s)
 2. Project title
 3. Project abstract
 4. Introduction
 5. Hypothesis / Research Question
 6. Materials and Methods (Methodology)
 7. Results / Data
 8. Discussion, addressing:
 - Environmental, social, and/or economic impacts of the findings
 - Potential unintended consequences (tradeoffs, risks, or negative externalities)
 - Limitations and feasibility considerations, including scaling, implementation, or generalizability

Selection Criteria:

- Originality and innovation of the project
- Clarity and effectiveness of communication
- Relevance and impact on sustainability

- Professionalism and presentation quality
- Engagement with the audience and judges

Team Guidelines:

- Maximum team size: 4 members
- One team member submits the application listing all members' full names
- Teams are evaluated collectively; strong collaboration and teamwork are essential
- Teams may select either a morning (9:30 AM – 12:00 PM) or afternoon presentation slot