A University-wide faculty call for course proposals for a paid student assistantship.

The Penn Sustainability Office is soliciting proposals for faculty participation in the 2020 Integrating Sustainability across the Curriculum (ISAC) program. The program supports faculty upgrades to a new or existing course in AY 2020-21 by providing a paid undergraduate or graduate summer research assistant for eight weeks over the summer.

A workshop held in early May (TBD) will introduce the program to faculty and examine concepts of environmental sustainability across disciplines. Successful examples of ISAC courses will be presented by faculty who previously participated, and along with strategies for incorporating sustainability.

The paid undergraduate research assistants will be selected from applicants in March and matched with participating faculty based on knowledge and interest. After a kick-off meeting with Penn Sustainability staff, students work both independently and with guidance from faculty over the summer. Students work 20 hours a week with two professors each, updating course material, developing new teaching methods and topics, and to reviewing new assignments.

To apply, submit a one-page proposal that

- describes the existing or proposed course;
- indicates the reason for integrating or enhancing sustainability in the course; and
- includes a brief work plan for a student research assistant.

For additional information on the ISAC program, visit https://www.sustainability.upenn.edu/participate/staff-and-faculty/integrating-sustainability-across-curriculum

ISAC Program in the News

- “Senior Michael Steele Helps Integrate Sustainability Into the Classroom at Penn” in Penn News - www.upenn.edu/pennnews/news/senior-michael-steele-helps-integrate-sustainability-classroom-penn
- “From the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee: University of Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan 2.0 Executive Summary” in The Almanac - https://almanac.upenn.edu/articles/from-the-environmental-sustainability-advisory-committee-university-of-pennsylvania-climate-action

Proposals should be submitted by Friday, January 10, 2020 to Maddy Schuh, Sustainability Analyst, at mschuh@upenn.edu with ISAC Faculty Proposal in the subject line.