

WPI Sustainability Ambassadors

2021-2022 Sustainability Ambassadors Program

WPI Sustainability Ambassadors (SAs) are students committed to creating a culture of sustainability on campus. Our Sustainability Ambassadors are from diverse majors (you do not need to be an Environmental Engineering or Studies major!) and backgrounds who cultivate environmentally responsible behaviors in the residential halls, academic buildings, and all around campus through fun, educational, and aware-raising activities. SAs become sustainability change agents! They are trained by the Office of Sustainability and work closely with the Sustainability Interns.

The Sustainability Ambassador program strives to create a network of leaders who will develop and enhance student awareness of sustainable actions that encourage environmental stewardship and social justice and promote positive individual behavior change on campus and beyond.

Responsibilities:

- Engage with RAs, Greek Life, student groups, and individual students to promote conservation, personal pro-environmental behavior change, and sense of environmental responsibility through campus programming. This year's focus is water conservation and waste minimization.
- Work with the Office of Sustainability to identify potential projects, and design and implement one or more of these projects.
- Table sit at campus events to promote awareness and engagement.
- Act as liaison between the Office of Sustainability and students on sustainability matters.
- Act as ambassadors for the Office of Sustainability both on and off campus.

Who Should Become a Sustainability Ambassador?

- Students interested in sustainable practices, building community and identity, meeting people, and doing fun projects
- Students who are self-directed, and are able to work in groups and individually
- Student of any major, department, full or part time, graduate or undergraduate, interested in designing and implementing sustainability initiatives

Sustainability Ambassadors Must:

- Commit to volunteer 5-10 hours per month for the program.
- Participate in training programs offered by the Office of Sustainability
- Be passionate about sustainability matters
- Attend monthly meetings and promote sustainability events
- Be enthusiastic, reliable, proactive, independent, and creative

As a Sustainability Ambassador, you will gain...

- Strong leadership, communication, and peer education skills
- Knowledge of environmental and social topics
- Experience working with other passionate students, staff, and faculty
- Ability to identify and help resolve problems that affect our planet and all life forms.