GRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE SCHOLAR SUPPORT

The Dow Sustainability Fellows Program supports graduate and postgraduate level scholars focused on interdisciplinary sustainability. The program prepares future sustainability leaders to make a positive difference in organizations worldwide. The program comprises masters/professional degree, doctoral, and postdoctoral fellows, who engage with one another within and across cohorts, thrive on collaboration, employ interdisciplinary thinking, experience diverse stakeholder perspectives, and implement projects with significant potential for impact on local-to-global scales.

• **Master & Professional-Degree Students**
  40 masters/professional-degree students are selected as Dow Fellows annually, with each receiving financial support up to $20,000. During the fellowship year, which runs January – December, fellows engage in an extensive interdisciplinary team project as well as regular collaborative and skill building activities.

• **Doctoral Degree Students**
  10 doctoral-degree students are selected as Dow Fellows annually, with each receiving financial support up to $50,000 over the 2-year fellowship period. From September – April each year, fellows attend regular co-curricular activities, such as presenting and discussing their research with the fellows cohort, and serving on the editorial board of the Michigan Journal of Sustainability.

• **Postdoctoral Scholars**
  Up to 7 U-M postdoctoral scholars per year are accepted for 2-year fellowships that begin in September. In addition to receiving $7,500 per year in financial support, fellows participate in co-curricular activities, such as presenting and discussing their research with the fellows cohort and attending monthly seminars with the U-M Distinguished Faculty in Sustainability.

COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

In addition to receiving significant financial support for their studies, Dow Sustainability Fellows become part of a “Community of Scholars” that fosters an exchange of ideas and perspectives. To encourage interdisciplinary thinking and collaboration, fellows engage in regular seminars and related activities. Fellows across all levels also present their research and or projects at the annual Dow Sustainability Fellows Symposium.

ACTIVITIES

Each fellowship level has unique co-curricular requirements. Sample activities include research presentations to cross-disciplinary audiences, case studies, simulations, mentoring sessions, coffee with sustainability practitioners, skill building sessions, and seminars with Distinguished Faculty Fellows engaged in sustainability.

DISTINGUISHED AWARDS FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY SUSTAINABILITY

U-M Ann Arbor students across all academic levels and disciplines are invited to apply for a Distinguished Award for Interdisciplinary Sustainability to support a real-world sustainability project beyond the campus. Each project team must include students representing at least 3 U-M schools or colleges. Proposals for $5,000 seed grants are accepted on a rolling basis starting in January of each year. Seed grantees then compete for up to $75,000 in the fall.
SUPPORT

Made possible by The Dow Chemical Company, the Dow Sustainability Fellows Program at the University of Michigan supports full-time graduate students and postdoctoral scholars at the university who are committed to finding interdisciplinary, actionable, and meaningful sustainability solutions on local-to-global scales. We believe that diversity is key to individual empowerment, and the advancement of sustainability knowledge, learning and leadership. The program prepares future sustainability leaders to make a positive difference in organizations worldwide. See: www.sustainability.umich.edu

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