

# Residence Life

# Office of Sustainability

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The Office of Sustainability was founded in 2008 to foster a culture of sustainability in the heart of Aggieland. They work tirelessly to respect, protect, and preserve the economic, environmental, and social resources at Texas A&M. The Department of Residence Life is happy to call them a partner in our quest to make sustainability an Aggie tradition.

"Texas A&M University defines sustainability as the efficient, deliberate and responsible preservation of environmental, social and economic resources to protect our earth for future generations of Texas Aggies, the Texas A&M University community and beyond." (Office of Sustainability website, 2019)



Educational Workshops Several times each semester, interns host educational workshops for Ags to learn more about a certain aspect of sustainability. Workshop topics range from energy to edible insects. Be on the lookout for their next workshop in the spring!

#### **Sustainability Champion Awards**

Each fall nomination information for the annual Sustainability Champion Awards is distributed to students, faculty, and staff. Nominations for each champion category (student, faculty, and staff) are collected through an application form found on the Office's website. In the spring, award recipients are announced at the annual Sustainability Breakfast. Information on the awards can be found at http://sustainability.tamu.edu/awards.aspx.

#### **Events in February\*:**

2/4– U-Challenge application closes 2/8– U-Challenge teams announced \*Specifics & additional events at <u>https://reslife.tamu.edu/living/sustainability</u>

### Intern with TAMU Sustainability

The Office of Sustainability has internship positions available to any undergraduate student at Texas A&M. Internships are available for both the fall and spring semesters and require a time commitment of 8-10 hours per week.

### Sustainability Master Plan

Texas A&M University has worked hard to incorporate sustainability into every component of the institution. The first Sustainability Master Plan was created in 2010 under President R. Bowen Loftin to analyze the ways the campus is making sustainability an Aggie tradition while identifying areas of growth for the future.

The updated Sustainability Master Plan was just released in the fall of 2018. This new plans renews the university's commitment to "meet the needs of the present without compromising the future." It outlines goals that A&M will work towards over the next 20 years. The campuswide Sustainability Master Plan served as an example for Residence Life as their department-level Sustainability Plan was created.

Check out the full list of goals, and how we will work towards them on here at Texas A&M University, at http://sustainability.tamu.edu/documents.aspx.

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