Colleges of the Fenway™
Center for Sustainability and the Environment

COF Center for Sustainability & the Environment Mini-Grant Program 2026-27

The COF Center for Sustainability & the Environment is pleased to offer our students the opportunity to apply for mini-grants in support of research, projects, or initiatives that promote sustainability.

Projects granted will be widely promoted to the COF communities to recognize the importance of student-led sustainability initiatives.

Public presentations will offer opportunities for the COF community to learn more about how to live and create sustainably.

Important Information

AWARD: **up to $500**

NUMBER OF AWARDS: **Up to 6**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **January 17, 2027**

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: **January 30, 2027**

PROJECT COMPLETION: **Before or up to August 31, 2027. Graduating seniors must complete projects by May 31, 2027.**

GRANT EXPECTATIONS: The student or team of grantees must fulfill the following obligations by August 31, 2027:

- Submit a final report of the project that describes the scope of the project, its accomplishments in relation to the original proposal, and how the money was allocated. In other words, discuss the extent to which you adhered to the proposed budget. The report should be 3-5 pages, single-spaced, 12-point font.
- Present progress or final results of project at the *Annual Muddy River Symposium* on **Tuesday, April 6th, 2027 / students must attend in person**

- Write a blog post for the COF Center for Sustainability website (project proposal, midpoint review, or final project summary)
- Present the work to the COF community in other venues January-August 2027 if called upon to do so.

ELIGIBILITY: currently registered undergraduate, graduate, and certificate COF students

Proposal review will be conducted by faculty members of the Center for Sustainability and the Environment.

Application requirements

Proposal deadline is January 17,2027

- Be a current COF student(s).
- Prepare a brief proposal (max of 2 pages) describing the project methods and significance of the project o r initiative. **Include the names of all participants and identify one person as the corresponding author. The application must include contact information for the corresponding author. Proposals must also include the name and contact information for a faculty advisor.**
- Prepare a detailed budget (see rubric attached). If this funding will be part of a larger budget, specify other funding and describe how COF funds will be spent.
- Prepare a timeline for project completion (see sample timeline rubric attached)
- Submit all proposal materials **in one PDF to Devan Hawkins at devan.hawkins@mcphs.edu with subject** line: **Mini-Grant Submission: Center for Sustainability and the Environment**
- Have an email of support submitted electronically from a faculty advisor to Devan.hawkins@mcphs.edu
- Successful applicants will be required to write an article or blog post for the COF website, describing the proposed research or initiative.
- Present the results or progress of their project at the 2027 Muddy River symposium.
- For more information, contact the COF Center for Sustainability Faculty Contact on your Campus
    - Emmanuel – Adam Silver silvera@emmanuel.edu
    - MassArt – Amber Tourlentes amber.tourlentes@massart.edu
    - MCPHS - Devan Hawkins devan.hawkins@mcphs.edu Nancy Stern nancy.stern@mcphs.edu
    - Simmons – Anna Aguilera Aguilera@simmons.edu
    - Wentworth – Cynthia Williams williamsc6@wit.edu

View Examples of Previous Winning Projects: Mini-Grant Recent Winner Abstracts.docx

Budget Requirements:

Please complete this form with information about your budget.

1. A short paragraph detailing how/why the proposed materials/items will be used in the project. *Insert here*.

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Timeline Requirements:

Please include a timeline for your project.

Include your goals for research, production, and presentation as per the guidelines of the mini-grant.

The following table can help you formulate goals and deadlines.

	Goal	Amount of Time to Complete	Deadline
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