

The Academic Sustainability Programs Office

The mission of McMaster’s Academic Sustainability Programs Office is to inspire in all students a desire for continued learning and inquiry through experiential education.

To realize our mission, we strive to provide all McMaster students with the opportunity to take part in **interdisciplinary, student-led, community-based, and experiential learning** focused on sustainability. Achieving these objectives involves developing and fostering strong community connections, both within the University and the broader city of Hamilton. Additionally, supporting students to equip themselves with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to be successful in their learning is instrumental to their success as lifelong learners.

Community Project Champion (CPC):

CPCs are members of the community who work with our interdisciplinary groups of students to implement or advocate for sustainable change. A CPC provides guidance, offers insight, and shares resources to our SUSTAIN students to achieve common objectives.

The main role of a CPC includes the following:

- 1) proposing a project idea (view our [past projects](#) to get inspired!)
- 2) having your proposed project selected by a student/student group, and
- 3) providing support for the planning, development, and implementation/advocacy of the project.

Time Commitment and Course Deliverables:

Term	Course	Time Commitment	Course Deliverables
Fall (September – December)	SUSTAIN 3S03: Implementing Sustainable Change View course syllabus	2 hours per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPC pitch night (projects are introduced by CPC to students during class) - Students will send weekly progress email updates to CPC - Students will create project plan and review it with CPC - Students will create a presentation and philanthropitch, CPC are invited to join - Students will create a one-page report summary and require CPC approval
Winter (January – April)	SUSTAIN 2SS3: Advocating for Sustainable Change View course syllabus	1 hour per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPC pitch night (projects are introduced by CPC to students during class) - Students will send weekly progress email updates to CPC - Students will create project plan and review it with CPC - Student will create an advocacy plan - Students will create a presentation and CPC are invited to join

Fall/Winter (September - April)	SUSTAIN 4S06: Leadership in Sustainability View course syllabus	1 hour per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will create project plan and review it with CPC - Students will create research report and review it with CPC - Students will create a one-page report summary and require CPC approval
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How can I become a Community Partner?

After reading this guide, and before submitting your project idea, remember that projects should be of an interdisciplinary nature, include some aspect of community engagement, and have some practical outcomes that are achievable within the course time period. The goal is to provide students with the opportunity to lead a project with your support. Projects should provide flexibility for student experiential learning and the opportunity for innovation and creativity.

If you have an idea for making positive change in your community and are looking for creative solutions, we would love to connect with you! You can begin by submitting a project idea using the form on this [webpage](#). If your project is chosen by a student/student group you will then have the opportunity to support the student(s) through the planning, design, and implementation/advocacy involved in bringing the idea to life.

Please note that it is not guaranteed that all proposed projects will be chosen. Selection is based on individual student interest, which cannot be predicted.

Have a question?

We would be happy to connect with you over [email](#), in person, or through a video or phone call.