



Assistantship Job Description: Campus Sustainability Coordinator

Global climate change is arguable the most pressing challenge of the 21st century, and its disproportionate impact on communities of color also makes it a racial justice issue. As an institution of higher education, Framingham State University (FSU) must take responsibility not only to prioritize sustainability in its operations but also must train future climate justice leaders. These imperatives are central to FSU's core values of global stewardship and public purpose and commitment. Since 2007, FSU has been a signatory of the American College and University President's Climate Action Commitment (ACUPCC), the ultimate goal of which is to eliminate carbon emissions from higher education campuses and infuse sustainability into the curriculum and operation of the campus.

FSU's Climate Action Plan (CAP) is the guiding document that outlines our goals and action steps with regards to sustainability policies and practices. Since it was authored in 2007, numerous infrastructure, curriculum, and policy changes have been implemented. However, there is a need to revisit the CAP and determine new goals and actions through a community-wide visioning process. My intention is to hold four to six meetings during the AY 2022-2023 to generate input from students, staff, and faculty and to work together to outline specific goals and action steps related to sustainability and climate justice.

To support this visioning process, I am requesting a graduate assistant (GA). The GA would work under my supervisions as the Campus Sustainability Coordinator. The GA would have the opportunity to gain practical research, facilitation, and community organizing experience through their involvement in this community visioning process. I anticipate that the intern would be involved in (but would not be limited to) the following:

- ☑ Research about best practices and policies related to sustainability and climate justice on university campuses
- ☑ Visioning meeting logistics and facilitation
- ☑ Drafting updated FSU CAP

In addition, the GA would be involved in other campus events, book groups, speaker visits, mentorship of the student Green Initiative club, and other initiatives related to sustainability, as their schedule allows.