

AY 2026-2027 Call for Applications: Climate Action and Sustainability Center

Faculty-Led Student Climate Action and Sustainability Projects Grant

Overview:

We are pleased to announce the availability of small grants aimed at supporting innovative student projects led by faculty related to the [Mission and Scope of Work of CASC](#). These grants are designed to facilitate faculty working with students on innovative curricular or co-curricular projects. The projects should be designed to enhance educational experiences and, to the extent possible, provide the opportunity for students to learn skills related to climate change and/or sustainability professions. All students involved should be CSUSM students for the duration of the project.

Eligibility:

All full-time tenure-track faculty members and lecturers with one- and three-year contracts with an active Unit 3 appointment for Fall 2026 from any discipline are eligible to apply. We encourage applicants committed to advancing knowledge and practice in the following areas: Climate Change, Climate Justice, Climate Inclusion, Climate Action, Climate Anxiety, Climate Science, and Sustainability. There is a possibility of project continuation in Spring 2027. **Grant**

Details:

- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$850 per project
- **Application Deadline:** April 10, 2026 (late submissions will not be accepted)
- **Notification of Awards:** By early-May 2026
- **Deadline to Spend Award:** June 30, 2027
- **Award Period:** August 2026 - June 30, 2027
- **Link to the Application:** [CASC Faculty-Led Student focused Grant Application](#)

Application Requirements:

- **Project Proposal:** A summary description of the proposed project, including the role or engagement of students and how the project relates to the [Mission and Scope of Work of CASC](#). Include objectives, activities, and anticipated outcomes, including potential long-term sustainability of the curricular or co-curricular project (maximum 1 page).
- **Budget:** A budget outlining the use of CASC grant funds and other, including pending, funding sources for your proposal. Up to \$250 may be used for faculty stipend.
- **CV:** A current curriculum vitae for each applicant.

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance:** Alignment with the Mission of CASC
- **Impact:** Potential to contribute to student educational experiences
- **Feasibility:** Practicality and clarity of the project plan and budget
- **Sustainability:** Potential for the project to continue after funding is used

Submission Process:

Please submit your application materials via the application form here: [AY 2026-2027 Submission Form](#). Late submissions will not be considered.

Final Report:

A one- to two-page summary of work completed by August 30, 2027. Please include photographic or visual materials that CASC can use for promotion and the Center's archive.

Contact Information:

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