

Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability Call for Proposal

Welcome to the 4th Annual Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability Summit. Institutionalize Sustainability will be our focus in 2016 as we look forward to motivating, generating and transforming on our actions in higher education.

The Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability (TRACS) fosters a statewide network that embodies inter-campus collaboration and aspires to lead the world into a sustainable future committed to environmental preservation, economic development, and social equity. The purpose of the first summit was to create a new focus on smart growth and operational sustainability across Texas campuses and to engage community leaders in developing the platform to improve on sustainable practices in their region. As the sustainability movement in Texas matures, there is a greater desire to not just learn from each other's experiences but also to engage in collaborative efforts across Texas. Now in its 4th year, TRACS will not only focus on emerging issues, but also on institutionalizing sustainability within higher education and integrating it into all aspects of operations.

The Summit Planning Committee invites you to join us as we celebrate our success and continue to discover and explore emerging issues as a collective group of dedicated leaders. As we journey forward together, we see many new opportunities to evolve and expand our focus and learn from our collective challenges and successes. Welcome to the 2016 summit and dive into TRACS to motivate, generate and activate your campus.

The Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability provides the time and space for dialogue on experiences and challenges in an open and collaborative environment. We have moved beyond show and tell presentations towards skill building, rich discussions and deep dives into the challenges and solutions facing our institutions.

The summit is uniquely designed to appeal to campus teams and community leaders seeking sustainable development for their regions (i.e. sustainable managers, business officers, facilities staff, faculty, students, and higher education partners). Design your submission to include key stakeholders in your project. Participants at your session will benefit from many perspectives.

To help the Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability Programs Committee assess this submittal, provide the information requested in the application. Clear, complete, and well-informed answers greatly enhance the Committee's ability to understand and appreciate your submittal and may increase the probability that it will be accepted. In particular, the Committee looks for a clear understanding of how this presentation will add to the experience, education and knowledge participants take away from the TRACS summit.

Proposal Submission

Deadline: November 20th, 2015

Fill out and email the application form to: Alexandra.garcia@utrgv.edu

Presenter's Name(s): _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Presentation Title: _____

Presentation Length: ☐ 15 minutes ☐ 30 minutes ☐ 60 minutes

Topics (check only one):

- ☐ Developing Academic Programs
- ☐ Researching Immersive Experiences
- ☐ Campus Engagement
- ☐ Community Partnerships
- ☐ Inter-Campus Collaboration
- ☐ Building O&M Best Practices
- ☐ Sustainable Food Systems
- ☐ AASHE-STARS Assessment
- ☐ Institutionalizing Sustainability

Audience:

- ☐ Business Services
- ☐ Campus Planners
- ☐ Sustainability Officers
- ☐ Facilities Officers
- ☐ City Officials
- ☐ City Planners
- ☐ Energy Managers & Staff
- ☐ Students
- ☐ Faculty and Researchers

Briefly describe your presentation:

*If the presentation is accepted, this text will be published; it should **SELL** the presentation in 200 words or less.*

List 4 learning objectives or outcomes for the session's participants.

What will participants be able to do as a result of their participation? It is suggested you make your objectives action-oriented. For example, "Participants will diagram, list, analyze, develop, etc." or "Participants will be able to identify, calculate, apply, etc."

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Important Notes:

1. **Fees & Expenses:** Speakers who participate in TRACS do so pro bono. Presenters may attend all TRACS continuing education programs and socials free of charge. **All travel and accommodation will be the responsibility of the presenters or their sponsors.**
2. **Presenters' Names:** Please be sure the names and other information you are providing are legible, accurate and include appropriate designations (AIA, P.E., IIDA, ASLA, etc). If accepted, this information will be published in the TRACS Summit Program.
3. **Speaker Requirements:** Incorporate visual images and graphics into your presentation to keep participants engaged. Allow time for discussion and interaction during your allotted time.
4. **Room Provisions:** All rooms will be equipped with a projector, screen, and microphone. Be mindful that microphones work with hearing aids, so please use the ones provided even if you feel your voice carries across the room.
5. **AIA/CES Conditions:** Some program attendees are eligible for AIA/CES credits. If applicable, presentation must comply with AIS/CES guidelines ([download CES guide](#)).
6. **Acknowledgement:** If you do not receive a confirmation, we did not receive your submittal and it will not be considered as a program for the TRACS Summit.
7. If selected you will be notified by email by **December 18th, 2015**.