



EcoLeague Value Proposition

Joining the EcoLeague will expand horizons for your students, faculty, and academic leaders while elevating your visibility as a sustainability leader in higher education.

EcoLeague colleges and universities are leaders in experiential, place-based, ecological, and sustainability-focused learning, climate change action, sustainable operations, and liberal arts education. Your students, through participation in the EcoLeague semester exchange program, can immerse themselves in field studies and research in diverse bioregions across North America, gain new perspectives and contextualize knowledge through experiential learning in new places, explore fields of study not available at your campus, and experience community in different settings. Your faculty can benefit from collaborations with colleagues across the consortium and your academic leaders can benefit from working with peers at the member colleges and universities.

Members of the EcoLeague enjoy the following benefits:

- *Student exchange program*: Students gain access to an expanded range of high-impact learning opportunities through semester exchanges at EcoLeague campuses across North America, helping to improve retention by challenging and energizing participating students.
- *Study abroad*: Students have access to rich and diverse study abroad programs through all EcoLeague member schools, including programs in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Opening seats in these programs to EcoLeague exchange students can positively affect program finances.
- *Enriched academic programs*: Participation in the EcoLeague adds depth, breadth, and diversity to your academic programs with opportunities to develop and offer joint courses,



certificates, concentrations, and modules in areas such as water management, food systems, sustainable communities, and sustainable business.

- *Faculty collaborations*: Faculty members collaborate and add to their professional development by co-teaching courses, co-leading field experiences, sharing pedagogical practices, conducting joint research and scholarship, and attending EcoLeague retreats.
- *Academic leader peer groups*: Academic leaders share ideas, experiences, and practices for improving academic programs, student success, student enrollment and retention, career advising, faculty development, sustainability performance, climate action, and more.
- *Career networking*: Students and alumni gain access to career networks, job postings, and internship opportunities that span the member colleges and universities.
- *Joint marketing*: Joint marketing of the distinctive education offered by EcoLeague colleges and universities helps members reach and be heard by new audiences of prospective students and influencers in higher education.
- *Joint purchasing*: Efficiencies can be gained through joint purchasing of equipment, supplies, and services.
- *Grant applications*: Members can pursue grant funding opportunities to support EcoLeague activities.

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