Wait!



We want you to be successful in your endeavors! So, before you apply for grant funding, please make sure that you read the following carefully and that you’re able to say YES to all of the items. If you have any questions, please feel free to send them to [pgf@gmu.edu](mailto:pgf@gmu.edu). If you feel that a meeting is needed, we will contact you with available times.

I am applying for Patriot Green Fund funds to support sustainability at Mason, and I am able to certify the following to be true:

I am a faculty, staff, or student currently at Mason.

I have discussed the idea with faculty and/or staff who is/are knowledgeable about sustainability programs at Mason and they believe the idea I’m interested in is feasible.

If my project is of significant scope, I have assembled a team interested in helping me make it a success, and we have discussed the scope before submitting our application.

My project will either improve infrastructure on campus by making it more sustainable, or will contribute to the body of research around sustainability. If I want to focus only on an educational campaign, with no research or project implementation component, I will seek funding from the Office of Sustainability (gogreen@gmu.edu).

(If a student) I have identified a faculty or staff mentor for my facility improvement project or a faculty advisor for my research project.  
  
 (If a faculty member) The research project will be substantially led by and executed by students.

My project is not time-sensitive, and can wait for the quarterly project review by the PGF Committee, and requires more than $1000. [If this is not the case, I will look at the Quick Fund Project process and follow those guidelines instead.]

(If a staff member) I understand that if my project supports operational sustainability, and does not include a team implementation effort, or if it will not be very visible to the Mason community when complete, that the project is not as competitive as others that DO meet these criteria. This does not mean the project will not be funded, however.

**Patriot Green Fund Preliminary Application**

**Research Grant Application  Infrastructure Improvement Project**

**Project Title:**   
**Primary Contact:**

**Title or Major (if student), and Department:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email:**

**Date:**

***Important Reminders***

**Before filling out this application, please remember to...**

1. Refer to the [Preliminary Application Guide](http://go.gmu.edu/PGFPrelimGuide) for help understanding the questions in this application.
2. Keep the total length of the application to 5 pages or less (page 1 will not be counted).
3. If you project is small in scope and will cost less than $1,000, please complete the [Quick Fund Application](http://green.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/PGFQuickFundApplication.docx) instead.

**1. Please describe the project and its purpose.**

**2. Provide a detailed description of the project’s goals and objectives.**

**3. Please tell us which departments, offices, student organizations, and/or external organizations you believe should be involved in this project, and whether or not they have already been contacted.**

**4. Describe what research you have performed on this project to determine its relevancy to Mason.**

*Please cite your sources when applicable.*

**5. How will this project qualitatively reduce Mason’s environmental impact?**

*Choose the categories to the best of your ability, and then provide a short write-up of your own to describe how the project affects the categories you chose.*

Education Programs Green Building Green Dining  Green Living  Green Transportation  Recycling and Waste Minimization  Sustainable Food Systems  Sustainable Landscaping  Storm Water Management  Energy

**6. What social and/or economic aspects of sustainability might your project impact positively? How do you hope to make this project visible to the community? (For example, you can share your progress on social media outlets, your academic department’s newsletters, or the Fourth Estate).**

**7. Please provide an estimate of how much this project may cost, and other potential sources of funding if applicable.**

**8. Nearly every project requires interaction with Mason faculty and/or staff. How comfortable would you say you are with interacting with university decision makers to make your project a success?**

Not very comfortable Could use some guidanceNo problem, have done it before

*This will not affect the Committee’s decision to approve or deny your application. We will only use this to better inform the Committee about what level of support to provide.*

**9. How did you hear about the Patriot Green Fund?**

Choose an item.

*Please elaborate on the name of website, faculty member, or friend/colleague.*