

2012-13: Outcomes for Student Internships

This year the Sustainability Office sponsored 32 student internships; 24 of those positions were housed in the Sustainability Office and 10 were sponsored in different units across campus. These 32 interns provided assistance on a variety of projects; to follow are some of the outcomes of our 2012-13 internships.

New Programs or Initiatives

- UCSC Green Labs – Two labs (Partch and Salticov) participated in a pilot green lab program developed collaboratively by students from the Sustainability Office, staff from Environmental Health and Safety as well as students from Powersave Campus student organization.

Existing Programs

- Provost's Sustainability Internship (PSI) - In 2012-13 PSI supported 10 interns in eight departments. A sample of the projects they worked on include:
 - Creating a Green Washing Education Training Program for campus buyers.
 - Assessing the number of real food items in campus dining halls to support the campus Real Food Challenge.
 - Conducting education initiatives in Crown and Colleges 9 &10 about waste reduction.
 - Developing a handbook to educate students on responsible recreation in campus natural lands.
- Green Office Certification Program (GOCP) - The GOCP certified offices throughout campus including the office of Vice Chancellor Business and Administrative Services as well as Physical Plant and Physical Planning and Construction. Per the direction of VC BAS, all offices within BAS will be certified through the GOCP in the coming years.
- Zero Waste Team – The zero waste team consisted of five students who implemented, initiated and collaborated on the following projects:
 - Assessments - Waste Assessment at Global Village Café and College 8 Recycling Assessment
 - Bring Your Own Mug Campaign - Piloted in 2011-12 to reduce the amount of single-use paper cups in our waste stream, the program continued efforts to make BYOM a daily routine for the average UCSC coffee or tea drinker.
 - Slugware – Collaborated with the Student Environmental Center to develop a system of reusable dishware and utensils, where organizations

can rent reusable dishware instead of single-use dishware/utensils for their events and get the dishware washed by the campus dining halls.

- Carbon Fund – This year the Carbon Fund provided grants to five projects totaling \$40,000. A sample of the projects funded include the following:
 - Bike Generator for At-Risk Youth
 - Bicycle Transit Planning (Collaboration with the City of Santa Cruz)
 - Santa Cruz Green Wharf Lighting Retrofit
 - For an up to date list, see [Carbon Fund Annual Report](#)