

## TRU Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for Students

### Introduction:

Many students at Thompson Rivers University are actively engaged in environmental sustainability efforts; creating environmental sustainability initiatives and conducting related research are just a few examples of the commitments to environmental sustainability that students at TRU make. Individuals who are making substantial contributions to environmental sustainability at TRU deserve institutional recognition.

The Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award for students is administered by the TRU Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC). The award will increase awareness of environmental sustainability efforts at TRU. The award recognizes students who do the most to enhance environmental sustainability at TRU and in our communities.

### Rationale:

This award will help recognize students who do some or all of the following: conduct research in the areas of environmental sustainability; participate in the development of best practices that support environmental stewardship and sustainability at TRU; foster environmental literacy across campus and in their communities; and encourage the development of partnerships in support of environmental stewardship and sustainability.

### Award

The award will provide to each of two students that are active in environmental sustainability a plaque in their name and a \$1,000 award.

### Eligibility

All full-time and part-time TRU students are eligible for this award. Previous award recipients are not eligible for nomination in future years.

### Criteria

Full-time and part-time students are eligible to receive the award. Nominees should be recognized by staff, students, or faculty as individuals who significantly help to advance sustainability. The Selection Committee will review nominations and make recommendations regarding the award recipients based on the following criteria:

- Significance of the contribution made by the nominee to environmental sustainability
- The magnitude of the influence of the contribution (quantitative measures of the effects of the contribution should be provided when possible);
- The breadth of the influence of the contribution (the number of people or groups positively affected);
- Innovation and originality.

## Nomination Process

1. Nomination forms are available on the ESAC website (<https://www.tru.ca/senate/committees/esac/forms.html>).
2. Nominations must include:
  - a. A statement prepared by the nominator(s) (500 words or less) describing the nominee's contributions to sustainability and transformation of culture;
  - b. Relevant materials documenting the nominee's sustainability involvement
3. At least one nominator must sign each nomination. Nominations must include a written submission from the nominator(s) outlining specific reasons for the nomination.
4. The nomination deadline will be posted on the ESAC website each year.
5. The awards committee will meet and recommend the successful candidate(s) to ESAC at its first available meeting.
6. Award will be presented to the recipients at a suitable event prior to the next academic year.