

**RESEARCH PARTICIPANT Information Sheet**  
Campus Sustainability Culture Assessment  
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- You are being asked to participate or be a part of a research study. Your participation is **voluntary** which means that you may choose not to participate at any time.
- This survey is part of a larger Campus Sustainability Self-study project being led by Purdue University's Institute for Sustainable Future (ISF) over the course of the 2024-2025 academic year. We are conducting this survey to help us benchmark current responses and guide future planning.
- More specifically, the data gathered will help campus partners to:
  1. Develop targeted strategies to expand opportunities for faculty, staff, and graduate students to engage in sustainability initiatives.
  2. Inform and strengthen current sustainability efforts across campus.
  3. Identify barriers and opportunities to promote a stronger culture of sustainability at Purdue.
- The survey will take approximately 10 minutes and will ask about your sustainability habits and practices on campus.
- You are being asked to participate because you are currently a Purdue affiliate either as faculty, staff or graduate student.
- You will be asked to take a survey about your habits, such as transportation to and from campus, recycling practices, and other sustainability-related behaviors.
- The survey anonymous link, and collaboration between the researchers and Purdue IDA+A group (Assessment team) ensures that the survey is anonymous. The researchers will not receive any personal data that can link your answer to your identity. The researchers might use aggregated data for some demographic information in the results analysis.

**Please take time to review the rest of the information. This will give you information about this study to help you decide if you want to participate.**

**This study is only intended for people who are 18 years of age or older. Do not complete the study if you are not legally considered an adult.**

**Before agreeing to participate, consider the risks and potential benefits of taking part in this study.**

All research carries the risk of breach of confidentiality which means that someone outside of our study could figure out that you were in the study or information was yours. How we will protect your information to reduce this risk is below.

Some questions could make you feel uncomfortable. You can skip any of these questions or stop answering.

It is unlikely that there will be personal benefits to you for participating. Having more information from the answers in this research study might help us or other researchers understand more about the current level of campus sustainability. It will help us inform targeted interventions regarding current campus sustainability offering and efforts.

**Will I receive payment or other incentive?**

You will not be paid for being in this research study.

**How will the researchers protect my information, privacy, and confidentiality?**

Your personal information may be shared outside the research study if required by law. We also may need to share your research records with other groups for quality assurance or data analysis. These groups include the Purdue University Institutional Review Board or its designees, and state or federal agencies who may need to access the research records (as allowed by law).

Your research information may also be shared with collaborators on this research at Purdue University.

The study team will keep answers for this study to answer research questions until the study is over, approximately 12 months, as well as for at least three years after study closure. We may share the anonymous data and findings with other researchers or in research papers or presentations.

**What are my rights as a research participant in this study?**

You do not have to participate in this research project. If you agree to participate, you may withdraw your participation at any time without penalty.

**Who can I contact if I have questions about the study?**

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this research project, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact Dr. Valentina Negri, [vnegri@purdue.edu](mailto:vnegri@purdue.edu), ISF Research Scientist.

To report anonymously via Purdue's Hotline, see [www.purdue.edu/hotline](http://www.purdue.edu/hotline)

If you have questions about your rights while taking part in the study or have concerns about the treatment of research participants, please call the Human Research Protection Program at (765) 494-5942, email ([irb@purdue.edu](mailto:irb@purdue.edu)) or write to:

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By checking this box, I agree to take part in this research. I am 18 years of age or older and understand the information above about my participation.