Sustainability Award Criteria (2020-2021) | GW Research Days

Sustainability Research Award #1: Sustainability (Priority Categories):
Energy Innovation, Urban Futures, Circularity, Resilience

**Sustainability Criteria:**
- How does this research project advance sustainability awareness related to energy innovation, urban futures, circularity, and resilience?
  - Energy Innovation: Focus on the role of sustainable energy innovation from energy efficiency to renewable energy
  - Circularity: Focus on closing the loop on waste.
  - Climate Change and Community Resilience: Focus on the effects of climate change on local communities, including policies that mitigate their impact
  - Urban Futures: Focus on all aspects of urban life, but potentially including permafrost, infrastructure, indicators, COVID-19 response, sustainable tourism, forest fires, and oceanic impacts on urban locations.
- Bonus: Demonstrated contribution to creating change for a more sustainable world in energy innovation, urban futures, circularity, and resilience
  - Has the researcher/s used their findings to inform policy decision makers?
  - Has the researcher/s used their findings to amplify the University’s impact with partners and institutions in D.C. and beyond?
  - Has the researcher/s used their findings to fill a gap in solutions needed in the market and/or in the field?

**Research Criteria:**
- Research (methodology; a variety of sources; depth and breadth of the topic)
- Content: States thesis clearly; explains methods; creates or explores original concepts; draws appropriate conclusions; makes a significant contribution.

**Writing & Design Criteria:**
- Attracts viewer's attention; is well organized and easy to read; includes creative graphics and visuals to enhance presentation.
- Effectiveness, clarity, and coherence of writing - Is the research easy to understand; use of sources; visual design if applicable

**Oral Presentation Criteria:**
- Demonstrates knowledge of subject matter and project; communicates appropriately to audience; speaks concisely and coherently.

Sustainability Research Award #2: Sustainability (General)

**Sustainability Criteria:**
- Project’s ability to affect broader sustainability awareness/appreciation relating to the
intersection of environmental, economic, or equity/ethical understandings of sustainability

● Bonus: Project’s ability to contribute to change for a more sustainable world.
  ○ Has the researcher/s used their findings to inform policy decision makers?
  ○ Has the researcher/s used their findings to amplify the University’s impact with partners and institutions in D.C. and beyond?
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