

EXCELLENCE IN WRITING COMPETITION



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Sciences Essay: When Scientists Write

DEADLINE: MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 16

“Sustainability” is undoubtedly one of the the world’s most increasingly pressing issues. How would you address this subject through a fundamental knowledge of science?

Your essay can address any aspects of scientific research on sustainability, but it should move beyond discussions in social or economic value and instead address core, basic scientific inquiries. You are encouraged to address concepts such as: carbon footprint, ecosystem, extinction, energy consumption, Thermodynamic efficiency, solar energy, wind power, mathematical models of energy efficiency, population statistics, behavioral ecosystem, health consequences or any other key scientific concept of your choice.

Please note that your essay should have a focus and clear direction. Do not attempt to address in one essay all fields and topics relevant to the theme of sustainability. Instead, focus on the subject or topic you are most interested in so that you can write a concise 500-word research essay.

Competition Rules

- 500 words or less, not including footnotes and image captions
- Illustrations: no more than 4 images or diagrams

Entries and Deadlines

- Midnight, Friday, March 16
- All entries must be submitted electronically through the “Excellence in Writing” web site.
- One entry per student

Prizes

- First Prize \$500
- Second Prize \$250
- Public announcement including an announcement in UDaily & a tailored press release to student’s hometown news organizations
- Presentation of the winning paper(s) at UD’s Green Expo, as a part of the Earth Week activities

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Excellence in Writing competition consists of four different essay contests (three in the fall, one in the spring), open to the undergraduate campus community and designed to inspire rich intellectual student dialogue.