

ECO LEADERS PEER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Eco Leaders Peer Education Program is a cohort of students in campus housing (the residence halls and Aggie Village apartments) who serve as peer educators to raise awareness of sustainability initiatives and encourage sustainable behaviors among their peers including composting, energy conservation, sustainable transportation, food security, waste reduction, responsible purchasing, and environmental justice.

There is one Eco Leader in each residence hall and four Eco Leaders for the Aggie Village apartment community. The Eco Leaders are a diverse group of students who represent multiple identities and perspectives. Underrepresented students are encouraged to apply and no prior sustainability experience is required, just a passion for engagement and making a difference. Eco Leaders can be part of any major and unlike many student leadership programs, this program is open to first year and transfer students. Each cohort also includes a Peer Mentor, a returning Eco Leader who helps provide guidance and support.



Eco Leaders receive a \$1,650 housing stipend per semester for five hours of engagement work each week and take a course together each semester. The fall course is GES180, Introduction to Sustainability Engagement, a one credit seminar course. The spring course is GES330, Sustainability in Practice, a two to three credit course that features an independent project and poster presentation. Both courses are sponsored by the School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES) and help students connect classroom learning with real-world application.

Eco Leader independent projects are related to sustainability on campus and have launched things like the university composting program, SkiSU (the student ski bus), and food security programs.

You can help support the program by:

- *Sponsoring an Eco Leader for a semester or academic year (\$1,650 per semester)*
- *Providing funds for Eco Leader engagement programs (clothing swaps, craft programs, movie nights, waste audits, trail clean-ups, etc.)*
- *Offering seed money for independent projects to help student ideas become reality*

If you would like to support the Eco Leaders program, please contact Brittany Habben at Brittany.Habben@colostate.edu.