

2012 Award for Progressive Sustainability Application Guidelines

The Award for Progressive Sustainability (APS) is presented to one SIPA spring workshop team annually to help apply their work in the search for a sustainable future. The \$1,000 (USD) grant allows the workshop team to expand their research, analysis, and final workshop product beyond what they would have been capable of doing otherwise.

The APS is presented to the student workshop project proposal that best 1) identifies a social or political problem, 2) highlights its environmental roots, and 3) proposes an actionable, cross-disciplinary solution.

Student teams (via their faculty advisor) are to email their 2012 Award for Progressive Sustainability applications to Suzanne Hollmann, Capstone Program Director, at suzanne.hollmann@sipa.columbia.edu, by 5pm on February 17th, 2012.

Applications are to be no longer than a single page in length, and must include:

- A brief project description including a descriptive title, the workshop client, project location(s), social/political problem the project will address, the environmental root issue, and type of final product (e.g. "...a written report that details specific actions the client can take with current resources..."; "...creating a website for the client...", etc).
- A brief project budget detailing how both the SIPA workshop funds and the APS funds will be used.
- A brief justification of why an additional \$1,000 is needed to complete the project, including what the team will be able to accomplish with the APS funds that it would otherwise not be able to achieve.
- How the workshop project best upholds the ideals behind the Award for Progressive Sustainability

Background of the Award for Progressive Sustainability:

The APS was founded in 2006 by two SIPA alumni with support from across SIPA and the University in order to encourage student research and analysis to address sustainability issues. The Award facilitates student projects that go beyond academic research to promote action that is grounded in the understanding that our environment is not an "externality", but an inherent component of wise, sustainable decision-making.