

Green Fee Program

The UT Austin Green Fee Program is a competitive grant program funded by tuition fee to support sustainability related projects and initiatives proposed by university students, faculty or staff. The Green Fee is \$5.00 per long semester per student and \$2.50 for the summer session.

Green Fee Committee

A student majority Green Fee Committee solicits and reviews proposals and awards the funds. Green Fee Committee responsibilities include the following:

- Fall Semester: Attend monthly meetings to review and recommend changes or updates to program guidelines, application materials and scoring criteria
- Spring Semester:
 - January - Participate in workshops offered to interested applicants (not mandatory)
 - February - Attend one meeting to review and discuss grant amendment requests from previously funded projects
 - March - Review grant applications associated with current funding cycle
 - April - Attend weekly meetings to review and discuss grant applications
 - May - Attend at least two meetings to finalize funding decisions



Green Fee Program Fun Facts

As of June 2015, 115 students have been employed in 63 on-campus jobs created or supplemented by the Green Fee. Several hundred volunteers have participated in various one-time and ongoing green fee projects. As of December 2015, 102 projects received 133 grants. Sixty-one projects (60%) were proposed by students; 26 projects (25%) by staff; and 15 projects (15%) by faculty.

Sample Projects, 2011-2015

- Two custom shaded solar charging stations
- 3,150 trees planted in Bastrop State Park area
- 75,000+ seedlings grown in Tree Nursery located at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- 7,500 square feet of garden space at UT Micro Farm
- 225kW of Solar Photovoltaic Panels
- 130 new parking spots for bicycles
- 90 new bikes for daily, weekend, or semester rentals
- 39 drinking fountains for reusable water bottles
- 10,500 lbs of compost diverted from landfill by the LBJ School Green Dining Program
- 235 lbs (avg) per month of Styrofoam recycled
- Expanded programming in UTeach program
- Expanded Waller Creek clean up events
- 16,600 lbs compost each football season
- 1,620 lbs of batteries recycled annually
- 23,823 lbs of e-waste recycling collected by the Student Engineering Council
- 13 videos capturing Green Fee projects on campus
- Unique dance/theater performance on bike safety
- Launch of student led Green Tours of UT Austin
- Ongoing course development awards for new and revised courses in sustainability
- Audit of School of Architecture studio waste & establishment of new Material Exchange
- 205 new light fixtures (Duren) saving \$3,580 annually
- Indoor air quality study
- Green wall garage pilot installation
- High-efficiency lighting incentives
- Waller Creek biodiversity preservation working group
- NexusHaus Solar Decathlon competition
- Green Office program