





Turning

SUSTAINABLE IDEAS

into reality

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Sustainable Cities Initiative



Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI) is a cross-disciplinary organization at the University of Oregon that promotes education, service, public outreach and research on the design and development of sustainable cities.

RESEARCH

A national leader in livability-centered research.

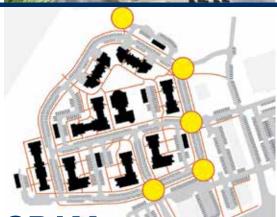
SCI brings together faculty, students, and practitioners from multiple disciplines to engage in these timely and significant issues. The SCI research program is creating a national livability clearinghouse organized by annual theme and publishing yearly reports on that subject.



TRAINING

Transforming academic research into on-the-ground techniques.

Today's cutting edge ideas are tomorrow's best practices. SCI provides trainings that translate theory to practice and integrate best practices from around the world into knowledge that practicing professionals can use.



SUSTAINABLE CITY YEAR PROGRAM

A catalytic learning model connecting students with projects from an Oregon community at an unprecedented scale for an entire academic year.

In a typical year, 500+ students from 10-12 disciplines across 20-35 classes devote 60,000+ hours of work on city-identified projects to help cities transition to a more sustainable future.





Research areas

Active Transportation
Walkable Communities
Civic Engagement
Ecosystem Services
Eco-Districts

Sustainable Urban Design
Urban Ecology
Green Building
Zoning + Land Use
Economic Development

National and international workshops

Site Design for Livable
Multifamily Housing
Street Livability +
Sustainable Design
Community GIS
Walkability Assessments

Triple Bottom Line Sustainability Analysis Community Engagement for Underrepresented Communities

Cities often lack the funds and knowledge to implement sustainability projects while college students have professional-level training and a need for practical work. SCYP brings these two traditionally unrelated entities together in an exciting interdisciplinary partnership.

SCI also trains other universities how to adopt and adapt SCYP for their context.

The Sustainable Cities Initiative is perhaps the most comprehensive effort by a U.S. university to infuse sustainability into its curricula and community outreach."

New York Times

Recent Awards

AASHE Faculty Sustainability Leadership Award

Financial Times / CITI Urban Ingenuity Award • Finalist

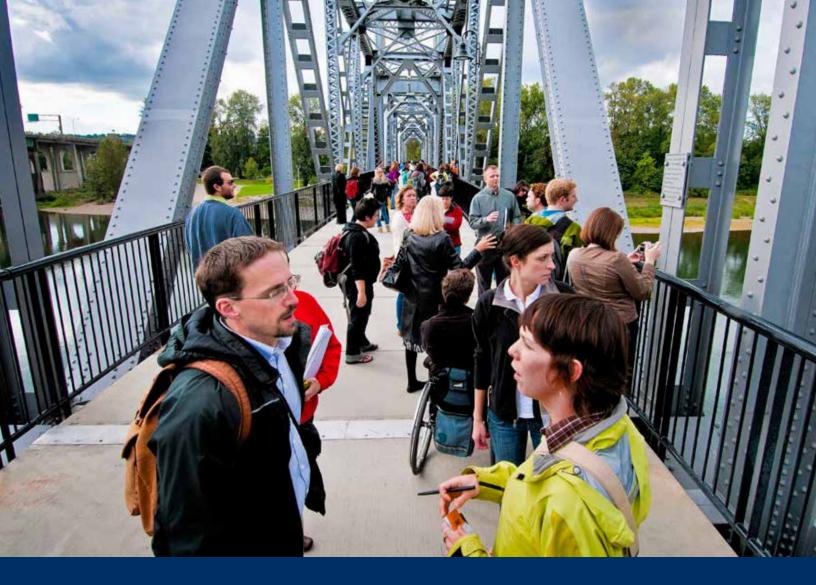
C. Peter Magrath University
Community Engagement Award
• Exemplary Project

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Prize for Creative Integration of Practice and Education

Partners for Livable Communities "Bridge Builder" Award

Globe International Award for Sustainability Research • Finalist

American Planning Association, Oregon Chapter • Special Achievement in Planning Award



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