



“One of higher education’s most successful and comprehensive service learning programs.”

- *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

What is SCYP?

The Sustainable City Year Program is SCI’s flagship model for catalytic learning partnerships that redefine higher education for the public good.

SCYP is a radically simple model for bridging the gap between universities and communities.

- The projects are **community identified** and driven
- SCYP **mixes disciplines** and faculty at an unprecedented level
- The **scale** of SCYP magnifies engagement as well as the educational and community-level impacts

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Learning that Inspires Action

SCYP matches a multidisciplinary set of courses to a community-identified set of projects over an academic year. Each year SCYP solicits projects from a different community and matches those project ideas with up to 35 university courses, 15–20 faculty, and 500 students across more than 10 disciplines.

SCYP relies on **existing** classes, **existing** instructors, and **existing** curricula and an opt-in, bottom-up university model. The scale of engagement is unprecedented and impact significant for all included.

A National Model for Replication

The model is **adaptable** to many different types of institutions because it relies on existing resources, but harnessed in a new way.

The SCYP Model Gives...

- Students what they are desperately seeking (an opportunity to make a difference today)
- Cities what they badly need (new ideas, energy, and political space for new direction)
- Taxpayers and legislatures what they want (universities to be relevant)
- Society what we require (universities to be part of the solutions to our most pressing issues)