



Annual Theme

Each academic year SCI's annual research theme focuses project topics, symposiums, lecture series, charrettes, and publications on one component of sustainable city research. Explore sci.uoregon.edu/research to learn more about this year's research theme and review past research projects.

International Research

SCI works internationally on issues of sustainability in the built environment, and engages multiple disciplines and ways of thinking to create beneficial ecological, social, and financial outcomes. Current international initiatives include Sustainable Cities in China, Global Eco-City Courses, and Sustainability in Gabon.

Experts in Residence

To promote the continuous interchange of ideas, national experts working to translate sustainability theory into practice take up mini-residence at the University of Oregon campus for three days. During the visit, the experts engage intimately with students and faculty in the classroom, through brown bags, and in design charrettes. They conduct workshops for private and public sector organizations throughout Oregon, and deliver public community lectures on their area of focus.

As a national leader in research connecting sustainable city form with active transportation, SCI engages and informs faculty, students, and practitioners from multiple disciplines in timely and significant issues.

Areas of Research

- Sustainable urban design
- Active transportation and walkable communities
- Civic engagement and public participation
- Eco-districts
- Green cities: green governance, infrastructure, ecosystem services, and urban ecology
- Zoning, land use, building and tax codes
- Sustainable economic development
- Retrofitting suburbia

Have a question? Contact us!

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