

Join SOU Sustainability at WOHESC 2025!

The Institute for Applied Sustainability (IAS) and the Sustainability Office have sponsored the Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) again this year which means we can provide scholarships to students, staff, and faculty that would like to attend on behalf of SOU.

Submit your application for scholarship ASAP. Priority is given on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Send any questions about this opportunity to the IAS Coordinator, Kira Welch at welchk1@sou.edu / 541-552-8826.

This conference is a platform for inspiring change, facilitating action, and promoting collaboration around sustainability and social justice within the Cascadia region's higher education institutions. Educational sessions, meetups and networking opportunities empower participants to advance action steps to create change. Solutions shared at the conference are tailored for implementation in our unique political, social, economic and environmental climate.

WOHESC will be hosted at Portland Community College on March 5-7, 2025.

This year's theme is:

Cultivating Sustainable Communities and will focus on creating enduring communities in higher education that are environmentally conscious and socially responsible. Such practices involve fostering a culture of sustainability, promoting ethical practices, and encouraging collaboration among students, faculty, and staff to address environmental and social challenges. What are the benchmarks or warning signs to know if a community is sustainable? What does "cultivation" of community look like, and what are the best

practices or innovations? When should community be as wide as possible and when is it better for it to be focused, narrow? How can we embrace an understanding of community that includes not only those we are near or not only those who are like us, but also a greater number of humans and other beings from the natural world?

Link to WOHESC website: <https://wohesc.org/>

Link to IAS website about scholarships:
<https://sustainability.sou.edu/institute/about/institute-for-applied-sustainability-scholarships/>