

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) Orientation

TGIF initiative originally failed in Winter Quarter 2009. In Winter Quarter 2016, the initiative was again presented to students and passed.

- An undergraduate student fee (\$3.00 per quarter), beginning in the fall of 2016, funds TGIF.
- It received final approval by the Chancellor and UC Regents during the summer of 2016.
- There is no Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment on this fee.
- The aim of the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) is to provide funding that enables students to have a greater impact on sustainability within the UC Davis campus and the immediate region. The fund provides grants to projects that improve educational opportunities, promote environmental awareness, engage in sustainability research, advocate for climate and environmental justice, increase energy and water efficiency, and reduce the amount of waste created on campus.
- Project proposals are selected for funding by the annually appointed TGIF Committee, which is comprised of students, faculty, and staff. Students maintain a majority vote as the committee's voting members.
- Voting members include seven undergraduate students and one graduate student; one faculty member; and one staff member. The students are appointed through an application and interview process. The faculty member is invited by the Office of Sustainability and the staff member is appointed by the UC Davis Staff Assembly. An additional student is an alternate to the committee, and abstains from voting except in the event of needing to make quorum.
- Non-voting, ex-officio members include a student representative from the Committee on Student Activities and Fees (COSAF), a student representative from the ASUCD Environmental Policy and Planning Commission, one staff member from Office of Sustainability, and the Student Engagement Program Manager, who administers the fund and works with the Committee.
- The Green Initiative Fund is hosted by the Office of Sustainability in recognition of its central role in campus operations, academic projects, planning, design, and policy. TGIF outreach, proposal coordination, and grant management is managed by a staff member, paid 50% by TGIF funds.
- Per TGIF initiative language,
Sunset clause added – ending after 2021, but open for reevaluation after that.

The committee and manager annually report to the ASUCD Senate and COSAF.