

POSTER SESSION GUIDELINES

STUDENT Sustainability Planning Projects

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is hosting its Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 5th and 6th at the La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta. 2016 marks the second year SCAG is hosting an exhibit of exceptional student projects in the discipline of urban and regional planning. Selected students will have the opportunity to showcase their projects at the Conference Exhibit Hall on May 6th to an audience of more than 1,000 elected officials, planning practitioners and various public, private and non-profit stakeholders.

SCAG is requesting abstracts for student-led projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to sustainability-related planning issues on a local or regional scale. Eligible submittals include any applied projects or research papers and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Sustainability:** Promotes principles relevant to one or more of the Sustainability Principles.*
- **Innovation:** Introduces new concept or challenges or improves upon current planning processes
- **Transferability:** Strategies/concepts that can be applied to different locations or programs
- **Feasibility:** Project has potential to be realistically implemented
- **Presentation:** Excellence in writing, visual content, and overall organization

Submissions are due by April 4, 2016, at 2 p.m.

*Sustainability Principles

Integrated Planning

- Integrates land use and transportation planning.
- Promotes infill, Transit Oriented Development, and other forms of sustainable development.
- Promotes a sustainable land use mix, including new housing.
- Locates new housing near existing jobs and/or new jobs near existing housing.

Green Region Initiative

- Addresses climate change through GHG emission reduction or adaptation planning.
- Preserves rural, agricultural, recreational, and environmentally sensitive areas.
- Promotes energy and/or water efficiency and savings.
- Ensures environmental justice regardless of race, ethnicity, or income class.
- Promotes overall sustainability on various resource issues.

Active Transportation

- Promotes active (bicycle and pedestrian) transportation planning.
- Promotes physical activity, safety, education, and outreach.
- Promotes linkages within existing active transportation and transit networks.
- Promotes shift from cars to active transportation.

Eligibility

Submissions will be accepted from students currently enrolled at any university or college within the SCAG region (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties). All work must be completed by students, not faculty or university staff. Eligible projects must have been completed after January 1st, 2013.

Submission Procedure

Submittals must clearly describe and demonstrate how the project addresses the Sustainability Principles, listed above. The following are required:

- 300-500 word project summary
- 1-5 images (photos, graphs, renderings, etc) that visually describe the project. Please submit in JPEG, PNG or PDF format. If poster has already been completed, please send a reduced-sized pdf.
- Contact information:
 - » Primary contact person
 - » Names and contact information for other students or faculty advisors involved in the project
 - » Name and address of college or university.
- Notification of selected submissions will be in early April. Final versions of the posters must be completed by April 18th. SCAG may be able to assist with printing and material costs.

Please email submissions to India Brookover at brookover@scag.ca.gov. If you have further questions, please contact India Brookover at (213) 236-1919.