The steering committee for *Pathways to Sustainability Leadership* is delighted to announce its first call for proposals for **Sustainability Citizen Courses** and **Sustainability Leaders Teams**. We invite proposals for modifications to existing courses or new courses to be taught in either fall 2014 or spring 2015 and for mentoring student teams in either summer 2014 or during the 2014-15 academic year.

The aims of *Pathways to Sustainability Leadership* include: 1) embedding sustainability in the liberal learning of our students; 2) preparing our graduates to exercise environmental leadership in their careers through the development of expertise and individual capacity for action around sustainability; 3) linking learning opportunities—including those associated with campus operations, residential living, and the greater Beloit community—with the creation and implementation of solutions in pressing areas of sustainability; and 4) through this synergy, promoting an intentional long-term approach to sustainable living more broadly and deeply among our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the larger community. This concerted effort is expected to be sustained for at least 3 years.

*Pathways to Sustainability Leadership* uses a three-tiered framework of increasingly sophisticated project-based student learning pathways that will simultaneously embed sustainability in its curriculum, operations, and culture. **Sustainability Citizen Courses** and **Sustainability Leaders Teams** represent the first and third tiers. Beloit College’s well-established **Sustainability Fellows Program** represents the second tier. A separate call to serve as a mentor for a Sustainability Fellow will follow in winter 2014-15. Please see the *Pathways to Sustainability Leadership* website for more information on all program activities.

We encourage individuals to submit proposals to teach a **Sustainability Citizen Course** or to mentor a **Sustainability Leaders Team**.

1. **Proposals for Sustainability Citizen Courses.** The goals of establishing Sustainability Citizen opportunities is to empower students with the conceptual, empirical, and creative tools they need to be effective environmental citizens and to develop into responsible and capable leaders. Proposals to modify existing courses or to develop new courses are sought. Courses will be taught in either fall 2014 or spring 2015. **Funding is available for four faculty members to modify or develop courses.**

As Sustainability Citizens, students will

- develop an awareness and appreciation of how their work addresses issues of sustainability
- develop the conceptual, empirical, and/or creative tools appropriate to the course or experience for responsibly addressing complex sustainability challenges including environmental, social/cultural, and economic aspects
- understand and reflect on the developmental role of this experience in the movement through *Pathways to Sustainability Leadership* from Citizen, to Fellow, to Leader
2. **Proposals for Sustainability Leaders Teams.** Sustainability Leaders Teams are three- or four-member collaborative teams working with a faculty or staff mentor and charged with completing a sustainability project. Although a faculty or staff member may work with a group of students in developing an idea for a team, the faculty or staff member applies and is ultimately responsible for active engagement with and mentoring of the team. The goal of establishing the teams is to prepare students for the collaborative, multidisciplinary work they are likely to encounter as sustainability leaders after graduation. As such, student team members are typically in their junior or senior year. Teams will convene for either 8 weeks in summer 2014 or for academic year 2014-15. **Funding is available for two teams in summer 2014 and two teams in academic year 2014-15.**

As Sustainability Leaders, students will
- work collaboratively on sustainability projects and activities that require multidisciplinary expertise
- refine their abilities to identify the major issues at stake, to develop objectives, and to create work plans for what they will achieve
- learn effective strategies for modifying their approach, if necessary

**Stipends and Supporting Funds**
Successful applicants will receive various levels of support, as follows:

**Sustainability Citizen Course**
Faculty course modification or development stipend: $1,000
Course budget*: $1,000

**Sustainability Leaders Team**
Summer 2014 (8 weeks)
- Faculty mentor stipend: $5,000
- Team budget*: $1,000
Students remuneration: Students will receive a stipend of $4,500, must enroll in one unit of Environmental Studies 390: Special Projects, and pay summer tuition for this course. They may contract with the college for room and board. The stipend has been calculated to cover these costs.

Academic year 2014-15
- Faculty mentor stipend: $1,500
- Team budget*: $1,000
Students remuneration: Student team members will be employed by Beloit College and may work up to 10 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters. Therefore, students must be [authorized to work on campus](#).
Application
Please send applications to Sue Swanson (swansons@beloit.edu) by April 11, 2014.

Full applications consist of a two--page single--spaced (maximum) proposal, including the following:

1. Description of the course or project, including
   For a course:
   a. Describe the course you intend to modify or develop and the ways that it will meet the goals of a Sustainability Citizen Course.
   b. Include the term(s) in which the course will be taught (fall 2014 or spring 2015).
   For a team:
   a. Describe the project that students will engage in and how it relates to the goals of a Sustainability Leaders Team.
   b. Include the time period during which the team will convene (8 weeks in summer 2014 or throughout academic year 2014-15).

2. An expense budget* of up to $1,000 per course or team. Budget categories may include travel, supplies, honoraria, etc.

*Faculty or staff members who teach a Sustainability Citizen Course or mentor a Sustainability Leaders team, and students who are members of a Sustainability Leaders Team, will also be eligible to apply for up to $1,000 per person for project dissemination (e.g., travel to professional meetings or workshops).