

# Campus as a Living Lab

Office of Sustainability  
March 2019

# Key Components

- Extensive and sustained multi-stakeholder collaboration across campus to meet the needs of academic and operational goals
- Long-term relationship building
- Clear communication pathway
- Standardized process

# Peer Comparison

- Usually housed under Office of Sustainability, generally requiring dedicated staff
- Paired with specific policy recommendations from Sustainability Committee
- Equal partnerships with academics and operations
- Have an associated course to facilitate understanding of sustainable living and service-learning
- Standardized monitoring and evaluation across disciplines

# Lessons Learned

- OoS facilitated CALL partnerships with a non-profit over '17-18 academic year, the [Community Weatherization Coalition](#)
  - 6 undergraduate courses
  - 3 graduate courses
- **Takeaways**
  - CALL partners should have input at all levels
  - Coordination should start early
  - Partnerships should be build upon past information and efforts
  - Higher level courses are often better suited for collaboration

# Exemplary Peer Models

- [California State University](#)
- [Portland State University](#)
- [Princeton](#)
- [University of British Columbia](#)
  - Their version of [SEEDS](#)

# Facilitating with SEEDS

- Social, Environmental and Economic Development for Sustainability
- <https://seeds.sustainability.ufl.edu/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the SEEDS website with links for 'UF SEEDS', 'Home', 'Project List', 'Course List', and 'Admin Page'. A 'Feedback' button is located in the top right corner. The main content area features the 'Office of Sustainability' logo and the title 'SEEDS — Connecting Classrooms and Community Partners'. Below this is an 'About the Site' section with a paragraph explaining the website's purpose as a testing ground for the SEEDS initiative. It includes a bulleted list of goals: providing experiential learning, enabling faculty to incorporate real-world projects, aligning community needs with courses, allowing local partners to collaborate, and strengthening the university's stewardship role. A footer section at the bottom of the page contains links for 'About This Site', 'Feedback', 'Disability Services', 'Privacy Policy', 'Support', and 'Logout', along with copyright information for the University of Florida and a contact number.

UF SEEDS Home Project List Course List Admin Page Feedback

 Office of Sustainability  
SEEDS — Connecting Classrooms and Community Partners

About the Site

This website is a testing ground for the Social, Environmental, and Economic Development for Sustainability (SEEDS) initiative created by the University of Florida's Office of Sustainability.

Our hope is that this tool will better connect classrooms and community partners in meaningful ways that will enhance student learning outcomes while also providing community partners with an efficient way to access the skills and expertise of UF's students and faculty.

SEEDS Seeks To:

- Provide valuable experiential learning opportunities for students
- Enable faculty to incorporate real-world projects into course curricula
- Align community needs with courses that aim to address those issues and challenges
- Allow local partners to develop meaningful collaborations with UF students and faculty
- Strengthen the university's stewardship role within the Gainesville community

We welcome and encourage any feedback from our SEEDS Test Site users about the ease of communication between stakeholders, potential opportunities for improvement, unmet needs that SEEDS can address, and more. Please let us know what you think using the Feedback mechanism [here](#).

About This Site Feedback Disability Services Privacy Policy Support Logout ©2018 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611; (352) 392-3261