

Benefits of Affiliation

Through its research projects and educational programs, the Center provides opportunities to work collaboratively across disciplines with faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and with educational and industrial partners outside the university. The Center budget will include some funds to support related activities of faculty necessary to promote interdisciplinary research and education activities. The Center is committed to the following activities that will benefit its faculty and student affiliates:

- Seeking external funding to support Center activities;
- Generating and distributing promotional materials to increase on-campus and national visibility for environmental research and education activities;
- Developing and administering graduate and undergraduate degree programs to more broadly serve needs of affiliates;
- Providing evidence of institutional support necessary for grant proposals;
- Organizing seminars, workshops and other networking events to promote interaction among persons affiliated with the Center;
- Administering a competitive small grants program to fund travel, develop new courses, or initiate research as needed to further develop initiatives within the Center; and
- Providing access to electronic equipment (cameras, projectors, scanner, color laser printer etc.) to support Center activities.

Persons affiliated with the *Center for the Environment* are encouraged and expected to participate in Center activities as appropriate given their needs and expertise:

- Conducting and disseminating research related to the environment;
- Collaborating with Center affiliates and/or partners to develop and find funding for interdisciplinary research ideas;
- Participating in grant writing in support of major Center initiatives;
- Presenting research or educational activities through Center-sponsored seminars;
- Advising graduate and undergraduate students associated with these degree programs;
- Serving on interdisciplinary graduate thesis or dissertation committees;
- Sponsoring undergraduates in research activities;
- Teaching courses required for interdisciplinary degree programs sponsored by the Center;
- Attending seminars and functions sponsored by the Center;
- Serving on Center committees; OR
- Promoting the Center within the university and to the larger community.

The *Center for the Environment* will convene at least one general meeting per year at which activities will be summarized and issues related to the management and direction of the Center will be discussed.

