Green Careers Toolkit

Take Advantage of Tulane's Resources
Your first stop on the path to a green career is right here on campus. Visit green.tulane.edu for links to these offices and programs.

- The Center for Public Service offers internships and service learning with a variety of local environmental organizations.
- The Environmental Law Clinic offers law students a chance to gain hands on experience representing people who otherwise would not be able to afford legal counsel. The clinic offers internships for undergraduates.
- The Office of Environmental Affairs is Tulane’s hub for campus greening. Student workers in the OEA help to coordinate campus greening projects and events.
- The Tulane City Center offers several programs for architecture students interested in green and urban design.
- Take Environmental science, studies and policy courses even if you choose to major in another subject.
- Consider Graduate School in your chosen field. Tulane offers a variety of masters and doctorate programs in environmental fields.
- The Levy-Rosenblum Institute for Entrepreneurship and the Social Entrepreneurship Initiative offer resources for those who seek to create green businesses and non-profits.

Tips and Tricks for Green Job Seekers
How do you prepare for a job in an emerging green career?

Keep Abreast of Current Events
Read the latest news, blogs, and journals in your chosen field.
- General Climate Change News and Opinion
  - Grist.org
  - Dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com
  - Climateprogress.org
- Green architecture and building
  - US Green Building Council News and Events (usgbc.org)
- Sustainability
  - LA Coast Post (news and opinion about coastal restoration in Louisiana)
  - Campus Sustainability Perspectives blog (on the website of AASHE, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)
• *International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education* (focuses on campus greening and education efforts, Tulane affiliates can access it through the Howard Tilton Library website)

• Auden Schendler, *Getting Green Done: Hard Truths from the Front Lines of the Sustainability Revolution*. This book gives a very readable, insider’s look at the daily work of moving a company towards sustainability.

**Consider Professional Development**

Training and accreditation programs can jump-start a green career by teaching skills in a particular field. These organizations offer specialized training and certification in emerging green fields.

Green architecture and building:
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – [www.usgbc.org/leed](http://www.usgbc.org/leed) (LEED offers two tracks of accreditation, LEED AP [Accredited Professional] and LEED GA [Green Associate])
- Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) – [www.natresnet.org](http://www.natresnet.org)
- Louisiana CleanTech Network - [http://www.lacleantech.net/index.htm](http://www.lacleantech.net/index.htm)

Carbon Accounting
- GHG Management Institute – [www.ghginstitute.org](http://www.ghginstitute.org)

**Read Key Reports, Policies, and Documents**

A working knowledge of key publications in your chosen field will give you a leg-up against the competition when seeking a job.

General Climate Change Resources
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Reports and Assessments [http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/publications_and_data.htm](http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/publications_and_data.htm)

Green architecture and building
- LEED Green Building Standards – criteria for green buildings, green operation of buildings, even green neighborhoods.
- Executive Order 13514 – sets the green buildings standards for federal properties [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/regulations/13514.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/regulations/13514.html)
- Local Green Building standards and guidelines – if you are looking for a career in a particular town or city, research its state and local codes and guidelines.

Carbon Accounting
- American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Reporting System [acupcc.aashe.org](http://acupcc.aashe.org) (A large library of the greenhouse gas emissions inventories and climate action plans done by universities.)
- The Climate Registry [theclimateregistry.org](http://theclimateregistry.org) (Pay special attention to the documents listed under “Member Resources”)

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