

Student Needs Assessment and Interest Form

Student Name:

Undergraduate or Graduate (B.A./B.S./M.Sc./Ph.D.):

University/College:

Program and Department Title:

Emphasis:

Year of study in your program:

1. What are your three most important goals for your studies in (sustainable) agriculture?
 - a. What are the strengths of your program in helping you meet these goals?
 - b. What do you see as the weaknesses of your program in serving your goals?
2. What are the three most important content areas, topics, or issues you think need addressing in sustainable agriculture?
3. What discipline or disciplines do you consider to be most important in studying sustainable/agroecology and why?
4. What teaching and learning approaches work best for you as a student?
5. What teaching and learning approaches are least effective for you as a student?

We want your help selecting topics for conference workshops. Please score the following topics below (from 1-5) to show us how interested or disinterested you are in a given topic: 1 = disinterested; 5= most interested..

1. Existing sustainable agriculture programs' instructional resources, teaching methods, strategies, and facilities.
2. Interdisciplinarity, integration of natural & social sciences in courses and curriculum.
3. Experiential learning, hands-on practical learning, student farms, internships & the integration of classroom and applied field-work.
4. Critical educational theories of learning, pedagogy, and curriculum. Participatory Action Research, Critical Pedagogy and Popular Education as social learning and action methodologies.
5. Systems and holistic approaches to agroecology and food systems.
6. Assessment of specific student initiated programs'/projects' (e.g. student farm/co-ops), development needs.
7. Strategizing to meet student programs'/projects' development needs (e.g. student farms).
8. Developing and maintaining institutional and faculty support and participation in student sustainable agriculture programs/projects.

9. Developing inter-personal and inter-institutional collaborations between sustainable agriculture programs/projects.

10. Outreach and student recruitment.

Additional comments: