**Stamina for Sustainability – Application Form**

**DEADLINE: Sunday, February 23, 2020**

The UBC Sustainability Initiative (USI) Stamina for Sustainability program is an experiential learning course open to undergraduate and graduate UBC students of all disciplines interested in thinking critically about sustainability.

The course starts with a three-day residency at the UBC Farm (April 30th – May 2nd), followed by two webinars over the summer (one each in May and June), and a closing session in September. The orienting direction of this program is to develop the capacities and the stamina that we will need in order to support individual and collective well-being in the face of unprecedented global challenges.

Before going further with your application, please ensure that you have read:

* the detailed [Program Guide](https://sustain.ubc.ca/sites/default/files/StaminaforSustainabilityFacts_191217.pdf) provided by the course facilitators

… and that you understand the requirements of attendance:

* + In-class, including overnight: 9am Thurs Apr 30 – 6pm Sat May 2 at UBC Farm
	+ Online course, including two webinar sessions - one in May and one in June. Exact dates and times will be determined in consultation with the group, once the program is underway. You will be expected to attend both webinars.
	+ In-class, closing session: 10am-1pm Sat Sep 19 (location TBD)
	+ $150 registration fee to help offset the cost of food and lodging for the term of the residency ($50 non-refundable deposit due March 26, balance due Apr 15)

The UBC Sustainability Initiative is committed to building an inclusive and accessible learning environment. If you feel the registration fee, or any other aspect of this program, is a barrier to your participation, please contact us directly (usi.office@ubc.ca or 604-822-9376).

**Eligibility Criteria**

Students enrolling in the Stamina for Sustainability program must be at least 18 years of age.

You must be a current UBC student, and demonstrate the following qualities and/or relate to the following:

* Previous knowledge of sustainability (academic and/or co-curricular involvement)
* Self-driven, motivated, self-directed learner
* Dissatisfied or frustrated with existing practices of sustainability, and sense a need to pause, re-evaluate, and find stamina for engaging with this work differently
* Have experienced the limitations of good intentions in sustainability and the failures in a system that is driven by, and rewards simple, feel-good solutions that reinforce and reproduce social and ecological inequalities
* Willing to experience discomfort, and different ways of relating to each other and the earth that challenge our culture of problem-solving within predetermined frameworks

**Submissions**

Applications should be submitted via email to usi.office@ubc.ca **no later than Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 11:59pm.**

Subject line: Stamina for Sustainability Application

File name: SfS\_Firstname\_Lastname

**APPLICATION FORM**

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| Preferred Name (if different from above): |  |
| Last name: |  |
| Preferred pronoun: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Address: |  |
| City / Prov: |  |
| Postal Code: |  |
| Telephone number (with area code): |  |
| Birthdate: (dd/mm/yyyy) |  |
| CWL (campus-wide login) username: |  |
| Faculty (Arts, Science, etc.): |  |
| Major (or intended Major) and Minor: |  |
| Year level (1st, 2nd, 3rd, …): |  |
| Which degree are you pursuing? (undergraduate, graduate, PhD, post-doc) |  |
| Anticipated year of graduation: |  |

If selected to participate in the program, do you have any accessibility or dietary needs? If yes, please explain.

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**For the following questions, please limit your answers to 100 – 200 words.** This application will be kept in confidence and shared only with USI staff and the program facilitators. Text boxes will expand to accommodate your writing.

Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in this program.

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Tell us something of your work, activism, studies (of any kind), ways you create space for reflection, or pivotal experiences that have shaped you.

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What has led you to this moment of inquiry and seeking different forms of knowing, being, relating? What will you bring to the program?

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What is your intention in joining this course? What would you like to see happen as a result of your participation in this shared experience?

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This program includes a 3-day immersive component, as well as self-directed study, experiments, inner processes, and peer interactions. The more fully you participate, the more you (and our community) are likely to benefit from the course. Are you able to devote time to this? Are you able to slowdown and make space to explore, and sit with difficult questions?

Tell us something about how this might look for you.

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What supports you in entering difficult territory? Emotionally, intellectually, bodily, relationally. Do you have ways and people to help you feel, grieve, process difficulties outside of the course?

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Are you prepared to learn with and alongside others? There are likely to be moments of difference, vulnerability, resistance, discomfort, and polarity. Are you willing/open to try and stay with that without needing to fix, fight or flee?

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For the duration of the program (April 15 – October 15, 2020), indicate if you will have access to:

[ ] Computer
[ ] Reliable internet
[ ] A space to be private and feel safe during online sessions

How did you hear about the Stamina for Sustainability program?

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