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Inaugural Sustainable Lab Summit

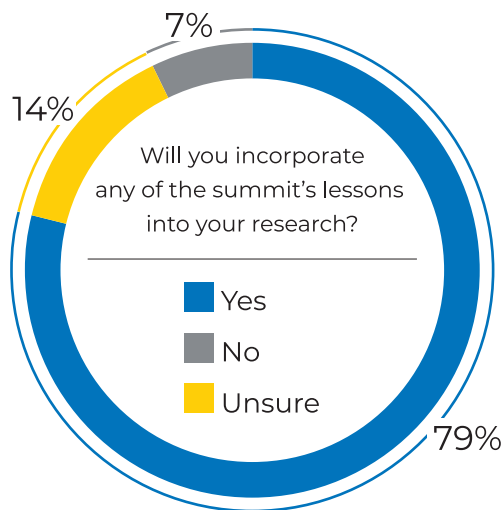
The Sustainable Lab Summit built on U-M's ongoing efforts to create a culture of sustainability. The summit served as a focal point for researchers and sustainable lab specialists to share knowledge, discuss potential solutions, and inspire innovation in each other.

PURPOSE:

Provide a space to learn about sustainable lab programs and partnerships.

Recognize leaders in sustainability by giving them a platform to share their successes and providing awards.

Continue raising awareness about the profound impact that labs can have on U-M's sustainability goals via efforts on waste, energy, water, and procurement.



EVENT FEATURES:

- Zero waste breakfast and lunch
- 4 rounds of technical breakout sessions
- Lightning talk panel of U-M success stories
- Research and sustainability-focused tabling
- Awards ceremony recognition for sustainability champions
- Keynotes by Arthur Lupia (OVPR), Geoff Thün (OVPR), Shana Weber (OCS), and Alison Paradise (formerly My Green Lab)
- Lab swap

TESTIMONIALS

"I hope to incorporate some energy-saving ideas from the summit, such as the lowering -80 ultra colds were possible, use of floating balls in water baths and rotovaps, creating a lab shutdown system for breaks to turn off unneeded equipment."

"Learning about how some of our labs are actively approaching being more sustainable was a great way to inspire and motivate!"

"It was informative about how the energy budgets work on a larger scale at the university and also learned very actionable steps for our own lab space."

BY THE NUMBERS

140

Attendees

24

Speakers

450

Pounds of lab equipment rehomed

\$13,220

Saved by researchers

\$1,000+

Sustainability grant funding and giveaways

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