Sustainable Solutions Challenge 2023 Guidelines:

Each proposal will include a description of the problem you seek to address, your team's solution, budget, and a dissemination plan of the timeline and activities to be completed following selection as a winning solution.

The Sustainable Solutions Challenge is a team challenge, with teams composed of a minimum of two with a maximum of four members. To allow for the implementation of proposals, teams must be composed of at least 2 non-seniors.

Teams submit initial written proposals that are reviewed by a first-round review panel. Submissions should be 4-5 pages double spaced, plus appendix, using 12-point font Times New Roman. Proposed solutions must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 3, 2023 to jvanderl@richmond.edu in Word format as an attachment.

Rubric for assessment (scored out of 50)

Assessing	Strong Proposals will:	Score
Overview and Comprehensiveness	The problem is accurately analyzed for a strategy to be put forth to implement a relevant solution.	__ / 5
Creativity and Innovation	Students propose unique ideas to relate the proposal to the context of UR.	__ / 5
Campus Partnerships	Strong proposals work to solve problems that are important to stakeholders and understand the complexities of the issue. Demonstrable support is essential for the success of an initiative and stakeholder buy-in is necessary for pushing a project beyond the idea-phase. Stakeholders involved in implementation are identified.	__ / 10

Culture and significance	The proposal includes adequate methods to influence the culture surrounding sustainability at UR. It has statistical analysis to back up its potential for success using metrics such as GHG Accounting, Cost-Benefit Analysis, and/or Other relevant frameworks.	__ / 10
Budget	Strong proposals must include a budget clearly describing the cost of the project. Consider staff resources and time as well as the cost of purchasing materials.	__ / 10
Implementation Feasibility	The project is realistic given the provided strategy. From a student's proposal, the relevant department should have all the information needed to execute the plan into action by May of 2024. Strong proposals will consider the timeline of the solution from a business operations standpoint, recognizing that summer is when there is the most time at the university to propel ideas forward and proposing to start immediately in one of the busiest months of the year such as April is not feasible.	__ / 10