Green Office Program:

Innovation Credits

There are plenty of sustainable practices that aren’t on our Green Office Program checklist. In an effort to encourage such practices, and reward offices for going above and beyond, we have created Innovation Credits!

Innovation Credits (formerly “above and beyond” credits) are a way for your office to earn credit for these practices. These credits cannot make up more than 25% of your total credits when calculating your score, so the following number of IC’s may be counted towards your total for each level of certification:

- Bronze: 2
- Silver: 3
- Gold: 4
- Green: 5

Think outside the box, but make sure your innovation credits are approved by your Green Office Fellow! Here are some examples of Innovation Credits to get you started:

- We use reusable dishware
- We use print software like PrintEco or Adobe LeanPrint
- All of the events that we host follow green event guidelines
- We got [office/department] to join the Green Office Program
- When investing in new furniture we consider refurbished and reused furniture, and furniture with post-consumer recycled content
- We reduce computer monitor brightness
- We have at least 1 office plant per every 3 people
- We have a link to the Sustainable UMass Green Office Program webpage on our department or office website