



Mission

The mission of the Environmental Academy is to facilitate the understanding and sound management of the environment through education and research, to provide an open forum for the discussion of regional environmental issues, and to offer education, technical, and research assistance to the regional community. To accomplish this we will do the following as each relates to environmental topics and issues:

- § Expand opportunities for faculty to converse and develop research ideas and collaborations.
- § Organize groups of faculty to develop specific interdisciplinary research proposals.
- § Provide the intellectual resources and expertise to link research findings to campus practices and promote sustainable activities on campus and in the community
- § Sponsor forums and/or guest lectures (possibly in collaboration with GIEES) on topics of interest to Academy members.
- § Sponsor or co-sponsor campus outreach and environmental programs.
- § Work in partnership with the Environmental Assistance Office for Small Business (EAO)* to provide student and faculty development opportunities and increase the opportunities for interdisciplinary student projects.

*The EAO is located in the Cameron Building Room 258, and it provides educational outreach and non-regulatory, client confidential pollution prevention assistance to small businesses in the greater Charlotte region. The Office is operated under the Global Institute for Energy and Environmental Systems (GIEES), with Dr. Helene Hilger serving as the EAO Faculty Director. In addition to programmatic collaboration, the EAO provides organizing and communication services for the Academy.