

## UQAT in action

Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue

### ECORESPONSIBILITY PLAN - QUICK-REFERENCE CHART

Strategic objectives	Create a culture of ecoresponsibility through awareness and education	Mobilize research and knowledge towards protecting ecosystems and making them resilient	
Specific objectives	Involve the university community in its steps towards ecoresponsibility	Increase the university community's sustainability literacy	Make ecoresponsibility a priority in our research and creation-research activities
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formalise the role of ecoresponsibility in governance and in normative texts</li> <li>Lead a program revision pilot project using an ecoresponsibility lens</li> <li>Create a short program specifically about ecoresponsibility</li> <li>Create a network of ecoresponsibility ambassadors within the university community</li> <li>Create a fund for ecoresponsible projects and the implementation of the Ecoresponsibility Plan</li> <li>Join interuniversity movements like the Race to Zero and Nature Positive Universities</li> <li>Launch a process of reflection on the application of our «Seeking balance» principle</li> <li>Carry out a consultation and issue recommendations regarding promotional products</li> <li>Launch an online tool for reporting ecoresponsibility concerns within UQAT</li> <li>Create a “One Diploma” type of program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create an annual ecoresponsibility communication and awareness plan</li> <li>Make a training course covering ecoresponsibility basics available to the entire university community</li> <li>Develop continuing development material in ecoresponsibility intended for faculty and teaching staff</li> <li>Develop a continuing education course to meet at least one established educational need linked to ecoresponsibility</li> <li>Create an awareness-raising contest specific to each discipline</li> <li>Develop recommendations regarding best practices for GHG emissions offsets</li> <li>Develop psychosocial supports specific to the phenomenon of eco-anxiety</li> <li>Identify outdoor spaces, best practices, and opportunities conducive to learning in natural environments</li> <li>Review the UQAT Foundation (FUQAT) responsible investment practices and issue recommendations</li> </ul>	

Rethink operations to reduce UQAT's environmental impact			
Adopt ecoresponsible procurement practices	Undertake infrastructure projects in an ecoresponsible manner	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions linked to travel by encouraging sustainable transport	Strive for digital sobriety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance the Policy related to the acquisition of goods and services and the awarding of construction contracts with the inclusion of guidelines related to ecoresponsible procurement</li> <li>Train managers in procurement, applicants, and suppliers in ecoresponsible procurement practices</li> <li>Pool equipment and vehicles and encourage group purchasing</li> <li>Review guidelines for printing</li> <li>Evaluate the implementation of an affordable, ecoresponsible food co-op</li> <li>Evaluate the implementation of an ecoresponsible equipment loan and rental desk for use by the university community</li> <li>Implement a system of reusable containers and cutlery as well as a system of returnable containers for take-out meals in food services locations</li> <li>Adopt the suppliers' code of ecoresponsible conduct</li> <li>Provide and promote more ecoresponsible menstrual products</li> <li>Design Food Services menus so that they are healthy, affordable, and have a low environmental impact</li> <li>Adopt a procedure for the ecoresponsible disposal of surplus assets</li> <li>Create or join a circular economy platform to manage our surplus assets</li> <li>Upgrade broken or outdated research equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formalise proactive ecoresponsibility planning ahead of all construction or renovation projects</li> <li>Provide reserved financial resources for ecoresponsible choices in renovation and construction</li> <li>Develop tools to optimize the use of existing spaces</li> <li>Evaluate the measures needed for climate change adaptation and resilience</li> <li>Develop a strategy to improve the energy efficiency of our buildings</li> <li>Identify avenues for the protection and conservation of water</li> <li>Develop a design and management strategy for parking lots</li> <li>Provide all sorting options, including one for compostables, at every waste collection point, at all times</li> <li>Provide the university community with structured solutions making donation, exchange, and resale of used goods easier</li> <li>Ensure access to sinks for rinsing and washing personal reusable cups and containers</li> <li>Protect and increase the share of green and garden spaces, the canopy, the presence of plants and biodiversity on our properties and in our buildings</li> <li>Ban the use of pesticides, herbicides, and nitrogen fertilizers on UQAT properties</li> <li>Test de-icing salts alternatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a sustainable transportation program suited to university community realities</li> <li>Adjust the reimbursement policies regarding air travel</li> <li>Identify ecoresponsible methods of transportation for institutional events</li> <li>Negotiate public transportation schedules that better meet the needs of the university community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train staff involved in Information Technology (IT) management in digital sobriety basics</li> <li>Configure computer labs and institutional devices according to ecoresponsibility standards</li> <li>Schedule regular required «digital cleanups»</li> <li>Ensure that end-of-life management of electronics and computer equipment follows the highest standards of ecoresponsibility</li> <li>Encourage the reuse of devices that are no longer useful to the university, but which are still operational</li> </ul>