Have Your Lab Certified by the 2022 NIH Green Labs Program!

Does your lab prioritize green practices? These actions can range from saving energy and recycling to prioritizing products that are less hazardous or that utilize less plastic material. If your lab does any of these, please consider participating in the 2022 NIH Green Labs Program (GLP), which is now open! The Green Labs Program seeks to increase the sustainability of the NIH Intramural Research community by recognizing the green practices of NIH labs. The GLP also provides information on the many opportunities to adopt new green practices. GLP participants will be recognized in many ways, including newsletters, meetings announcements, IC communications and more.

The only action required is <u>completing a self-assessment</u> form for your lab. The form should only take 10-15 minutes to fill out. Complete and submit your lab's self-assessment form before October 31, 2022 to participate in the program. Any representative of the lab may answer the 34 multiple choice questions from the self-assessment form. These questions are grouped into sections by their environmental topic and any sections that do not apply to your lab may be skipped. Participating labs will be evaluated on their green practices based on their answers in the self-assessment form. Labs may be awarded with an NIH Green Labs certification, which have multiple tiers:

<u>Bronze Level</u>: Labs must reply "Yes" to at least 10 statements <u>Silver Level</u>: Labs must reply "Yes" to at least 15 statements <u>Gold Level</u>: Labs must reply "Yes" to at least 25 statements <u>Platinum Level</u>: Labs must reply "Yes" to all 34 statements

Take the 2022 NIH Green Labs Program Self-Assessment!

Please note that participants will need to be within the NIH network to access the self-assessment form, either by being on campus or using the VPN. After submission, your form will be locked for review. You should receive a confirmation email indicating your submission was successful. Please contact the NIH Green Labs Program Manager, <u>Bani Bhattacharya</u>, with issues or questions regarding the 2022 NIH Green Labs Program or if you need to edit your submitted application.