The Sun Grant Initiative is a partnership of land-grant universities dedicated to revitalizing rural communities by securing our nation's energy supply through research, education and outreach programs on renewable energy and Biobased non-food industries.

Biomass Research, Education and Outreach

The land-grant universities of the Sun Grant Initiative together with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Transportation are implementing research, education and outreach programs in 35 states to develop the biomass (non-grain) feedstocks in an economically sustainable manner. The ultimate goal is the annual production of 1.3 billion tons of biomass to produce cost-competitive biofuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel.