As part of its 2015 sustainability commitments, the Dow Chemical Company has established the Dow Sustainability Innovation Student Challenge. The Dow Challenge will award three students or student groups at Northwestern University $10,000 for their work to develop innovative approaches to meet human needs while also protecting the environment, promoting economic growth and achieving social welfare, now and into the future.

Proposed research projects should be interdisciplinary in nature, blending applied science or engineering with business thinking. Areas of interest include:

- Sustainable Chemistry
- Energy Efficiency/Conservation
- Climate Change
- Life Cycle Product Safety
- Human Health and the Environment
- Sustainable Freshwater Supply & Distribution
- Environmental Policy Development & Human Behavior Change
- Sustainable Infrastructure

CHALLENGE DEADLINE IS MAY 16, 2011

This competition is open to graduate students of Northwestern University. For more information, please visit the Dept. of Civil & Environmental Eng’g at http://www.civil.northwestern.edu/ or contact Professor Kimberly Gray (k-gray@northwestern.edu)