



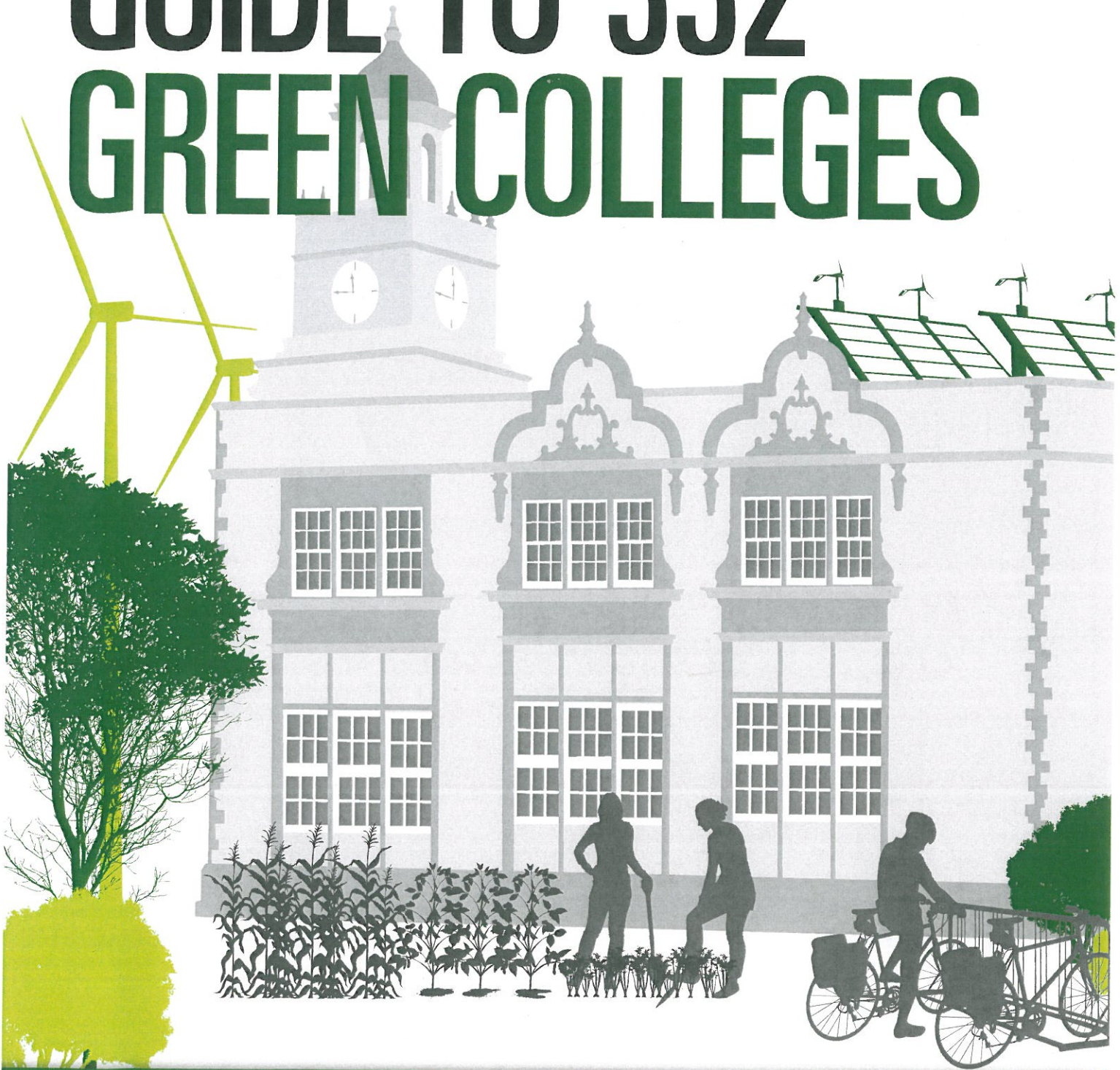
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# CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK—HUNTER COLLEGE

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

“Hunter Green” has become a campus buzzword: nine New York City universities, including all the CUNY schools, have committed to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent within ten years. Almost 3 million square feet of Hunter’s campus building space is LEED-certified and operated and maintained sustainably. A central goal at the College and University level is to design all new construction to meet LEED Silver certification. In East Harlem, 148,000 square feet of classroom, office, and laboratory space achieved LEED certification. A major library renovation at Hunter’s main Upper East Side campus is incorporating sustainable elements, such as window glazing and an efficient HVAC system. Other projects include white roofs that reduce building heat load and urban heat island effects and a 3-kilowatt photovoltaic rooftop installation that serves as a teaching tool. Students can get involved in sustainability in many ways. Hunter’s Departments of Geography and Urban Affairs & Planning and its School of Public Health offer sustainability-related coursework, and efforts are underway to establish a sustainability minor and certificate program. The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF), a student funded grant, allows students to collaborate with other campus groups to implement projects ranging from increased bicycle parking and security to environmental awareness campaigns. The most successful TGIF project to date has been the installation of 21 water-bottle filling stations, which have diverted more than a million 16-ounce plastic bottles from the municipal waste stream. Overall, Hunter College’s focus on urban sustainability is admirable and continuously expanding.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	60
Available transportation alternatives:	
school developed bicycle plan, free or reduced price transit passes and/or free campus shuttle, incentives or programs to encourage employees to live close to campus, school adopted a policy prohibiting idling	
School has formal sustainability committee	Yes
% of new construction LEED-certified	100
Waste-diversion rate (%)	15
Sustainability-focused degree available	Yes
Public GHG inventory plan	Yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	0
School employs a sustainability officer	Yes

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	15,789
# of applicants	30,758
% of applicants accepted	30
% of acceptees attending	22
Range SAT Critical Reading	520–620
Range SAT Math	540–640

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$5,430
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$14,550
Required fees	\$399
Room and board	\$4,877
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	95
% undergrads receiving any aid	94
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$11,000