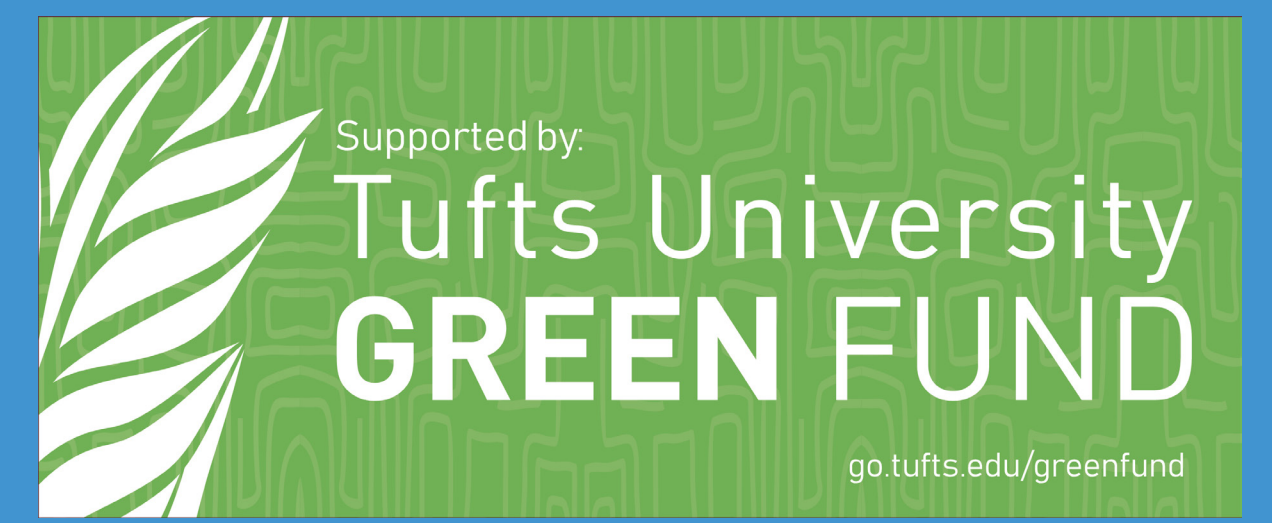


Tufts Food Security Assessment

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Project Description

The Tufts Food Security Assessment (TFSA) is part one of a research-action plan to comprehensively gain an understanding of and address food security in the Tufts community. Only after data collection and analysis, armed with a strong understanding of the current state of food security at Tufts, will it be appropriate to consider solutions and take action. The TFSA was the only undergraduate student-led project awarded funding by the Green Fund.

Budget

\$4,100

Rough break down

Student Researcher Stipend (\$1500 per semester)	\$3000
Research participant compensation	\$1000
Printing	\$100

People Involved

Students:

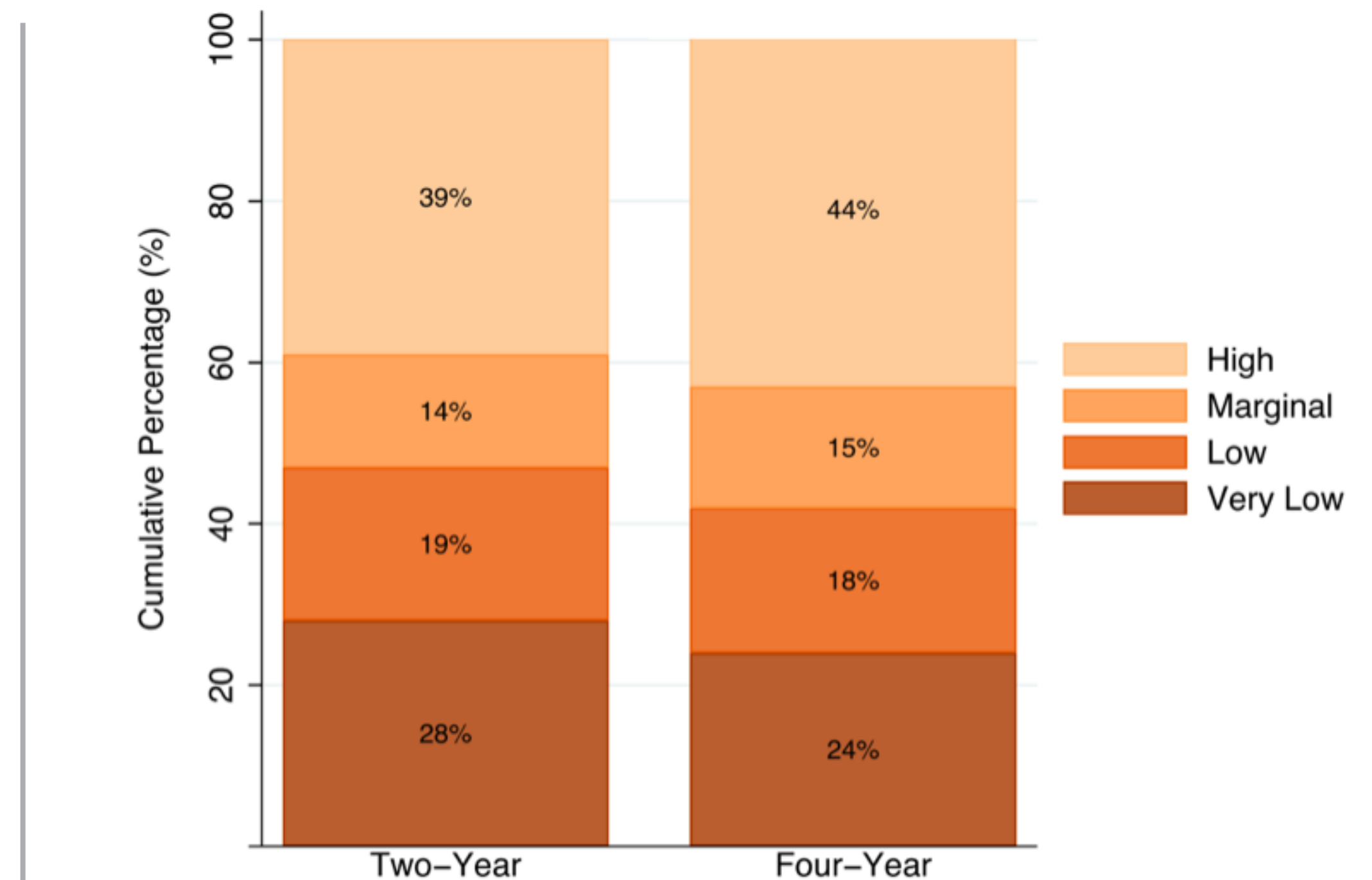
Madeleine Clarke, A20, Principal Investigator
Marissa Donohue, A19, TFRC Student Leader
Many other student volunteers

Faculty and Staff:

Cathy Stanton, Anthropology, Food Systems & Nutrition minor
Coco Gomez, Environmental Studies
Ian Wong, Health Promotion and Prevention
Other members of the Tufts Food Rescue Collaborative (TFRC) Advisory Board



Some of TFSA's many collaborators



Food Security status among Hope Center survey respondents. From Goldrick-Rab et al. 2019.

Timeline

Summer 2019— Literature review of food (in)security in higher education through Tufts Summer Scholars

Fall 2019— Start of TFSA: quantitative survey in collaboration with The Hope Center; qualitative research conducted by PI

Spring 2020— Collaboration with Practicing in Food Systems (ENV190) course to propose solutions

Threefold Impact

Environmental

- Food as an environmental resource
- "Just sustainabilities" model
- Recognizing waste and need in the food system

Educational

- Student and faculty research opportunities
- Course-based fieldwork
- Tufts at leading edge of socially-engaged research

Social

- Active citizenship of campus community
- Ensuring food justice within the university structure
- Prioritizing equity of all students

Supporting a university-wide commitment

sustainability

