

Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500

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Club or Group Affiliation: Student-led + partnered with UBC Sustainability Initiative

Amount Requested: \$525.00

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Notes:

1. Describe your project and its purpose (approximately 200 words)?

In support of advancing UBC's sustainability leadership, we are creating three dialogues that will gather a select variety of guests from different faculties and disciplines to emphasize the many diverse viewpoints crucially important to sustainability. These events will create a space where students, faculty, staff, and community members can discuss sustainability in a manner that is inclusive and promotes free thinking, active listening, and conversation that is thoughtful.

The purpose is to inform, improve & inspire the way students and faculty interact with this concept of: Sustainability; on campus through the collaborative in-

volvement of different faculties, teaching styles, and viewpoints in an open lecture setting. Furthermore, two additional goals for this project are: building on the development of a sense of community on campus, and, investigating and learning how to improve a University campus.

The three events will be held throughout the Academic Year (October 7, November 4, January 20) for approximately two and a half hours each. The dialogues will each have a different topic (Local Food, Sense of Place, and Social Sustainability), will take place across campus in locations that reflect their message, and each will also be catered. These three dialogues will serve as pilots for a program that we hope continues into the future. An example of this, is the Sense of Place dialogue, which we hope to take place in the Longhouse, with a local caterer, Denise Sparrow, who runs a company called Salish Sea Woman. It is crucial that we receive funding to make this project as meaningful as possible, down to even the smallest detail.

This project also works with the SEEDS program, where a series of research projects are developed to help plan the dialogue series. Projects are embedded in the classroom, whereby students receive credit for their work, as student teams are being delegating to each theme to help explore and inform the dialogue. Students research the current state of a particular theme on campus, then contemplate potential guests to bring in to share their stories and experiences in sustainability, and they finish off their research by highlighting potential interactive engagement for attendees. Lastly, the SEEDS student presents their research alongside two other individuals at each event. The purpose of this is to demonstrate the amazing work being done by undergraduate students at UBC.

2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words)?

UBC, with a strong commitment to sustainability, recently released a 20-year Sustainability Strategy for the Vancouver campus. The strategy builds on our approach to sustainability as a societal conversation about the kind of world we want to live in, informed by an understanding of the ecological, social and economic consequences of our individual and collective actions.

Each topic aligns to UBC's goals in a different way, but the overall idea of 'Lenses' helps to address the Teaching, Learning and Research strategic goal of transforming curriculum. This is accomplished by allowing participants from every background to attend, and through our work with the SEEDS team. One SEEDS project has already been complete with a team of students from LFS 450, another under way now in the department of Psychology, and we are currently in the

process of securing students for the Sense of Place. The project also begins to address the idea of meaningful stakeholder engagement.

The Local Food dialogue specifically addresses the strategic goal of creating a sustainable and integrated food system on campus, within the UBC Community section of the 20-Year Sustainability Strategy.

3. How will you document the successes and difficulties of your project? In what ways do you foresee this documentation aiding other SEC Eco-Initiatives (approximately 200 words)?

Through audio recording of each of the events and display on the UBC Sustainability website. Through an article in the Ubyyssey that covers our process and intent to foster positive change on a University campus.

4. For most requests of funding of this amount, the SEC would like to see other funding sources contributing to the financing of your project. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what sources, and for what amount? (SEC Treasurers can help you identify other sources of funding.)

We have applied for and been accepted to receive \$5414.25 from the AMS Sustainability Project fund, which covers: room booking, catering + event supplies. We have also applied, in partnership with Common Energy, for \$2500, which will cover and assure the continued running and development of this project for future academic years.

5. What aspects of your project (purchases, bookings) will SEC funding be used for?

Journalism (audio recording of the event): \$75 per event = \$225

Thank you gifts: \$5 per person = \$300

Signed (Your Name): *Sarah Barnes*

SEC Treasurer
Name:

Signature:

SEC Chair

Name:

Signature:

A note about Eco-Initiatives Grants

If your project is approved, the SEC will reimburse you for the purchases made. You must provide the SEC with proof-of-purchase. If you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding, please contact SEC Treasurers. Arrangements can be made to provide students with funding before purchasing if they cannot afford to make the purchase for their project and then receive compensation. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days. Eco-Initiatives Grants can fund a wide variety of projects; any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, requests for funding for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body at UBC.

Completed forms should be emailed to enviro@ams.ubc.ca. Alternatively, we welcome you to drop your form off at our office, Room 245B of UBC's Student Union Building. The Treasurers and other active members of the SEC would love to help you formulate your project, and will be glad to assist with the project's development and applications for funding.