



Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500

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1. Please fill in the fields below to give us an overview of your project:

- Name of Project: Funds for COP23
- Objective or Purpose:

The purpose of the funds are to help mitigate part of my travel expenses from attending the UN Climate Conference in Bonn Germany as a youth delegate representing BC and Canada, as well small operating costs associated with a give-back initiative that going to the conference has inspired me to pursue.

- Brief Description:
In early November, I attended the United Nations Climate Conference (COP23) in Bonn, Germany as an NGO observer. My accreditation was via

the BC Council for International Cooperation, a Civil Society Organization based out of Vancouver. I was responsible for funding the entire trip myself.

My time at COP highlighted a strong need for an on-campus collective that focuses on sustainability at the global level through an interdisciplinary approach; not just tackling environmental sustainability and climate change alone, but also focusing on other aspects of society (access to health care and education, poverty reduction, biodiversity conservation). The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change includes every aspect of society (Agriculture, Women and Gender stakeholders, Indigenous peoples, health, the ocean) because climate change affects all these things and vice versa.

The vision for this project is to start up a collective/ working group comprised of clubs and individuals from all (Red Cross, Doctors without Borders, C350, Model UN, International Relations, to name a few). We will meet once a month or so to have valuable interdisciplinary dialogues on a topic or current event relating to sustainable development (ex) how sea level rise due to climate change is affecting health and other human rights in developing coastal nations). These capacity building sessions will be an opportunity for students to exchange knowledge on specific topic areas that others may not be familiar with such that the entire group can gain a more holistic understanding of these complex issues. Along with these sessions, the working group will also be a way of spreading opportunities (internships, volunteer opportunities, grad school opportunities), and be a networking opportunity in and of itself. Finally, we are hoping to be able to send several working group members to various international conferences (UN Climate Conference, UN High Level Political Forum, UN Youth Assembly in New York) to help train the next generation of world leaders in global sustainable development. We met other university delegations at COP23, and see no reason why UBC can't do the same.

- Project Date(s): Nov 2017- April 2018, with possibility of extending into future years if there are keen individuals who wish to carry it on after myself and my collaborator graduate
- Expected Attendance: **~50 individuals**

¹Mondays 5-6 PM in the Resource Groups Lounge (Room 2102)

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

There are several fantastic initiatives on campus that focus on “bottom-up” sustainability and climate action; Sprouts and Seedlings emphasize local, low-carbon footprint food, Common Energy & UBC Sustainability emphasize Zero Waste and making small, low carbon footprint lifestyle decisions.

However, there are few individuals or groups on campus that promote sustainability (meeting present needs without compromising the needs of future generations) and climate action on the International level. This global lens is necessary because we live in a highly globalized world, where our resource consumption follows complex multi-national supply chains, and where our emissions in developed countries have the most damaging impacts on more vulnerable developing countries.

3. How will you document the successes and challenges of your project? In what ways do you foresee this documentation aiding future environmental and sustainability initiatives (approximately 200 words)?

This documentation identifies the need for a more interdisciplinary and globally-oriented sustainability collective on campus that will train the next generation of world leaders working towards a healthier planet. To do this we need UBC students tackling all aspects of sustainable development (low carbon footprint lifestyles, climate access to health care and education, poverty reduction to exchange knowledge.

The project success will be gauged by:

1. The number of clubs & individuals who participate in the working group;
2. The number of participants who benefit from the working group by going on to take advantage of job opportunities, internships, international conferences, and grad school opportunities shared through the group;
3. Whether or not we can get UN observer accreditation by the end of the year (definitely a process but easier than you might expect: https://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/ngo/application/pdf/standard_admission_policy_ngos_english.pdf)

4. For most funding requests of this amount, SEC would like to see other sources contributing to the financing of your project. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what are those sources, how much are you expecting to receive from them, and what will those funds be put toward? We can help you identify other sources of funding.

Global Fund: \$900 towards roundtrip plane ticket to Bonn (only received partial Global Fund grant because applied with a fellow delegate); \$80 towards honoraria

SUS PD Grant: \$300 towards Conference of Youth/ COY13 (pre-COP) registration fees, public transport fees, and residual plane ticket fee (cost was \$1050)

UBC Sustainability: Providing in-kind support (catering) for first re-cap event (November 27th)

5. What aspect(s) of your project will SEC funding be used for? Be as specific as possible with the allocation of funds.

Item	Cost	Description
RBC Travel Insurance (Oct 31-Nov12)	\$52.00	Insurance was mandatory for us to go
Airbnb Nov1-5	\$124.05	Accommodation for the duration of the Conference of Youth (shared w/ 1 other delegate)
Airbnb Nov5-12	\$128	Accommodation for the duration of COP23 Week 1 (shared w/ two other delegates)
Train (DeutscheBahn) Frankfurt-Bonn	\$51.72	

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Train (DeutscheBahn) Bonn-Frankfurt	\$147.65	
Refreshments for Sustainable Development Working Group Meetings (aiming for 5 meetings between Jan-Apr 2018)	\$120	Hoping to be able to provide snacks with plastic-free packaging (chopped veggies, Sprouts brownies)
TOTAL	\$620	*Rounded down from \$623.42- I've included exact amounts simply for proof of receipt purposes

Signed (Your Name): Keila Stark

SEC Treasurer

Name:

Signature:

SEC Chair

Name:

Signature:

How to Submit the Funding Application

Completed forms can be emailed to sec.ubc@gmail.com (preferred) or dropped off at our office, Room 2106 of in the AMS Student Nest. You are also welcome (but not required) to attend our weekly meetings¹ to present your project idea to our group. However, we would appreciate an email informing us of this intent at least 48 hours in advance. The executive team and other active members of SEC would be happy to help you formulate your project as well as assist with its development and applications for funding.

If your funding application is approved, SEC will reimburse you for the specified purchases and expenses. You must provide our Treasurer with receipts and/or proof-of-purchases. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days and can be picked up from the AMS offices on the 3rd floor of the AMS Student Nest. Please bring a valid ID when you go to collect the reimbursement. In the event that a student is unable to make the necessary purchase(s) to start their project, arrangements for advance funding can be made.

A Note About Eco-Initiatives Grants

Eco-Initiatives Grants can be used to 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, funding requests for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body, and we are unable to fund honorariums. Should you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding and what could be funded, please contact feel free to get in touch with us using any of the aforementioned methods.