



# The Student Environment Centre

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## 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: UBC *Journal of International Affairs (JIA)* - 2018 Edition
- Objective or Purpose: The purpose of the *JIA*'s launch event is to bring together the International Relations and Political Science communities, as well as the UBC community at large, in order to 1) highlight top UBC undergraduate research on pertinent global issues, and 2) raise awareness and attention for a chosen issue or research project, via guest speaker. Another key goal of the journal, when showcasing student research, is to adopt and promote environmentally conscious practices on all levels of the journal's activities -- from printing to hosting events.

- Brief Description: The *JIA*'s 2018 Launch Event will be held alongside the *Journal of Political Studies (JPS)* in order to reduce cost and waste. The event will bring together editors, authors, faculty, speakers, and students--ranging from undergraduate to post-graduate, all from a variety of disciplines--to evoke discussion on this year's top Honours IR thesis, as well as top papers from IR and Political Science. Moreover, a guest speaker will be invited to present their original research. The event will thus provide an opportunity to generate conversations on global issues and ways to address them from cross-disciplinary perspectives. All UBC students are invited to attend the launch event.
- Project Date(s): April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Tentative)
- Expected Attendance: Approximately 70 guests including editors, authors, faculty, speakers, and students.

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

One of the *JIA*'s main goals is to consistently produce an environmentally conscious/aware and sustainable journal, one which allows undergraduate students to have their research showcased. The journal fulfills this commitment in four ways:

1. The journal hosts all workshops and events in collaboration with other undergraduate journals to minimize waste. This year's launch event will be held in collaboration with the *JPS*.
2. Our journal has, for the past few years, worked with *MET* Fine Printers to print journals in a carbon-neutral process on recycled papers with recycled, 100% greenhouse gas-free ink (*MET* UV Energy Cured UV Inks). Moreover, to prevent excessive printing this year, we are only printing copies for folks who contributed to the journal (i.e. authors and editors), while everyone else who wants a physical copy will be asked to pre-order it.
3. In addition to sustainable printing practices, we are gradually transitioning into digital-only publication. To this end, we are working with UBC library to preserve our journals in *ciRcle*, a digital repository for all UBC research.
4. Lastly, the *JIA* plans to highlight its environmentally conscious mode of production at the launch event in two ways: a) we will host a zero-waste event by using 100% compostable cutlery, and b) we will speak about our sustainable printing practices to an audience comprised of UBC faculty, undergraduate, post-graduate students, and members of other undergraduate journals.

In addition to upholding the *JIA*'s commitment to environmentally conscious publication, we are confident that our initiatives will call attention to sustainable

printing practices in academia and encourage other undergraduate journals to make sustainability a priority in their work too.

**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)?**

The UBC *JIA* primarily documents the successes and challenges of this project in the following ways:

1. First, we document the success of the event through the number of attendees: the greater the number, the greater the reach of our message regarding sustainability.
2. Since the *JIA* will be using 100% compostable cutlery in order to make a “zero-waste” event, and as the launch is usually held in junction with the *JPS*, the continuation of using eco-friendly supplies for years to come will be considered a successful initiative.
3. To assess whether our message on sustainable production generated conversations amongst other undergraduate journals, we will include anecdotal observations from the event in our evaluation report. While there is no formal procedure to assess the impact of these conversations, we will encourage the incoming *JIA* team to continue the conversation on sustainability with their peers.
4. We will also document successes and challenges through extensive transition reports that will be passed on to next year’s team. The report contains information on how this year’s executive/planners approached the topic of sustainability, and offers recommendations for future planning.

**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.)**

We will be requesting funding from the Global Lounge, and hope to receive \$780. This fund will be put towards covering journal production costs and website maintenance. (PENDING)

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

The majority of the funding will be put towards the production of our journals. A small portion will be put towards catering. The *JIA* will also be providing our own compost bin for the cutlery. Below is a summary of our total costs and funding sources.

<b>Printing costs</b>		
<b>Printer</b>	<b>Price x units</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>MET</i> Fine Printers (sustainable option)	58.02 x 25	\$1450.05
Print Factory (quote to compare costs)	23.23 x 25	\$580.75
Funds requested from SEC for printing (cost of sustainable printing 1450.05 - 580.75)		\$869.3

<b>Summary of Costs</b>			
<b>Funding sources</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>SEC</b>	Printing cost (cost of sustainability)	\$869.3	Pending
<b>SEC</b>	Catering (our portion of split cost with the JPS)	\$50	Approved
<b>Global Lounge Fund</b>	Printing cost	\$580.75	Pending
<b>Global Lounge Fund</b>	Website maintenance cost	\$200	Pending

<b>Total amount requested from SEC</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Printing cost (cost of sustainability)	\$869.3
Catering (our portion of split cost with the JPS)	\$50

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$919.3</b>
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