



# The Student Environment Centre

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## Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Date Submitted:</b>
<b>Contact Email or Phone:</b>
<b>Club or Group Affiliation(s):</b> Climate Guides
<b>Amount Requested:</b> \$1243.93
<b>TREASURER USE ONLY:</b>
<b>Approved</b> <b>Modified</b> <b>Denied</b>
<b>Submitted as of:</b>
<b>Notes:</b>

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

- Name of Project:  
Climate Guides
- Objective or Purpose:  
The objective of Climate Guides is to provide young climate leaders with the opportunity to develop a relationship with a mentor that has experience in their field of interest, and to create and implement their own project that meaningfully addresses climate change.  
Our vision is to construct a narrative of hope and opportunity that will contrast the gloomy and hopeless discourse that often accompanies discussions about climate change, and help to build the next generation of leaders taking action against climate change.

- Brief Description:  
Climate Guides is a hands-on mentorship program for youth and young professionals interested in developing climate change solutions. It will provide the tools and the opportunities for youth to explore how to address climate change by partnering up with a professional mentor. Youth participants and mentors will participate in a one-day Summit, where they will get inspired to create change and develop some skills necessary to do so. After the Summit, youth and mentor pairs will work together to develop and implement a small project, providing the youth with hands-on experience in a given climate-change related field and providing the mentor with invaluable leadership experience, and the opportunity to help shape a young person's career.
  
- Project Date(s):  
Climate Guides Timeline:
  - Jan 22: Applications open for mentees
  - Feb 18: Deadline of all applications
  - March 1: Mentors and mentees are selected
  - April 7: Climate Guides Summit
  - April – August: Mentors and mentees develop and implement their projects
  - August 31: Finale of first Climate Guides program
  
- Expected Attendance:  
We expect to select approximately 10-15 mentees into the first run of Climate Guides, with 10-15 mentors – the exact number will depend on our final funding amount.  
We will also host an Advisory Board – the size of this depends on interest.

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

Climate Guides is designed for Vancouver youth, by Vancouver youth. It will bring together youth that are passionate about climate change solutions, and allow them to increase their personal and professional development through a meaningful mentorship and through valuable project management experience.

The first run of Climate Guides will result in 10-15 projects that address climate change with tangible solutions, in a variety of fields. We anticipate the projects to range, and could include biodiversity conservation initiatives, renewable energy models, or climate change communication pieces. By offering mentorship, financial support, skills development, and a professional network, Climate Guides will address climate change issues in the present while also building the environmental leaders of the future.

UBC students are ideal candidates for this program, and will be targeted as so. We plan to reach out to UBC students through speaking at clubs (SEC, Common Energy, etc.), reaching out to the Ubysey, and through our own personal networks to make sure that UBC students are able to take advantage of this opportunity!

**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)?**

As this is the pilot run of Climate Guides, we will be setting up an evaluation scheme to effectively measure the progress of Climate Guides, and how it can be further built upon and improved for future years. An integral component of the program is the Advisory Board, which will include a group of professionals with project management experience. The Advisory Board and the Climate Guides team will meet on a bi-weekly basis to advise on our programming, our growth potential, future projects, and importantly, our project evaluation. The first Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 23, and will focus on setting up an evaluation process.

Climate Guides is set up to be a multi-year project that builds a community of youth and professionals that can assist and support each other in the development of climate change solutions. Our current outlook for Climate Guides is to develop a program that can take place in multiple cities across Canada, and potentially across the globe. We will build a network of individuals committed to action against climate change that will hopefully span the country and the globe. Therefore, this documentation will be crucial to the longevity of Climate Guides, and the programs ability to foster more small projects and initiatives that address climate change in the future.

**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 have secured some funding: please see the following table:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Item</b>
IMPACT! Fund	\$3,300	Mentor-mentee projects
Nature Canada	\$1,000	Mentor-mentee projects
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society	\$150	Mentor-mentee projects
Students on Ice	\$5,000	Mentor-mentee projects
Alberta Parks and Recreation	\$200	Mentor-mentee projects

We are currently pursuing funding from the SFU Embark program and the Vancouver Greenest City program, and will likely continue to search out and pursue funding throughout the next couple months.

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

We would put SEC funding towards the following items:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
CityStudio – Facilitators Meeting Space	The CityStudio space in Vancouver will host the Climate Guides One-Day Summit on April 7	\$250
Projector Rental	CityStudio offers a projector rental for events in their space, and will be used for keynote presentations during the April 7 Summit	\$30
Website	We have used Squarespace to host the official Climate Guides website	\$92.59
Domain	Cost for the <a href="http://www.climateguides.ca">www.climateguides.ca</a> domain	\$31.52
Logo	We acquired the services of a local, young graphic designer to design the Climate Guides logo	\$50
Chickpea catering	Catering services for the April 7 Summit will be done by Chickpea, a local vegan restaurant. We will also be renting reusable plates and cutlery to serve food	\$658.32
Non-Profit Registry	We have been accepted for non-profit status in BC – this reflects the fee that accompanies that registration	\$131.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1243.93</b>