



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

**Funding Award and Acceptance Letter**

November 13, 2015

Project Leaders: Karalyn Scheppe  
Project: Illini Urban Farmers Hydroponics System

Dear Karalyn Scheppe:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) that the Illini Urban Farmers Hydroponics System project **receives \$1,121.00 in grant funding.**

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:

1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Advisor by December 31, 2017.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and Program Advisor.
4. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
5. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
6. Any signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project.
7. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding. Projects must communicate with the SSC's External Vice Chair to come up with appropriate marketing for the project.
8. Projects must participate in the Campus Sustainability Symposium at least once before June 30, 2018.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Chair, Amy Liu, at [amy.linqin.liu@gmail.com](mailto:amy.linqin.liu@gmail.com) or the SSC Coordinator, Micah Kenfield, at [kenfield@illinois.edu](mailto:kenfield@illinois.edu). You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.



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**SSC Signatories**

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Amy Liu, Chair  
Student Sustainability Committee

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Marcus Phillips, Treasurer  
Student Sustainability Committee

**Awardee Signatory**

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Karalyn Scheppe  
Applicant

**iSEE Signatory**

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Dr. Evan Delucia, Director  
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**Student Affairs Signatory**

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Dr. Renee Romano  
Division of Student Affairs



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**Project Information**

**Project:** Illini Urban Farmers Hydroponics System

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$1,121

**Award Code:** 1-303692-XXXXXX-XXXXXX

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Agricultural and Biological Engineering

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**Project Description:**

Our club, the Illini Urban Farmers, would like to purchase a hydroponics system. We would like to have a system for our club to learn more about urban farming and to start building our club. We want to understand how the system functions so that we can eventually learn to build a system of our own for use within campus dining halls, dorms, or other buildings. The university will benefit from having this system because it will provide a feasibility study of using these systems on a college campus for year round sustainable food production. The goal of Illini Urban Farmers is to educate the student body of what urban farming is, and to help students have a hands on learning experience of these systems. Owning a hydroponic system will help this club work towards reaching its goals. Our desired outcome for this project is to eventually grow food with the system and use this food to show other individuals that it is possible to grow food in campus settings, not just through farming on large plots of land.