



## STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

# Funding Application – Student-Led Projects (Under \$10K)

### ***Funding Criteria***

#### **A. General Rules**

1. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to submit requests for funding. Student-led projects require a faculty or staff sponsor in order to have funds awarded.
2. Funding can only go to university-affiliated projects from students, faculty, staff, and departments.
3. All SSC projects must make a substantial impact on students. This may be a direct impact or an impact through education and engagement. All SSC funding is 100% from student green fees, so the projects funded by the students must benefit them.
4. SSC encourages innovation and new technologies – creative projects are encouraged to apply.
5. Unless a type of expense is specifically listed below as having restrictions, SSC can generally fund it. The items referenced below should not be taken as comprehensive list.

#### **B. Things SSC Can Fund, On A Case-By-Case Basis**

1. SSC can fund feasibility studies and design work; however, it must work toward ultimately addressing a sustainability need on campus.
2. SSC can fund staff positions that are related to improving campus sustainability. Strong preference will be given to proposals receiving matching funding from departments and/or plans for maintaining continuity of the position after the end of the initial grant.
3. SSC can fund outreach events with a central theme of sustainability, provided their primary audience is the general campus community.
4. SSC discourages funding requests for food and prizes but will consider proposals on a case by case basis that prove significant reasoning.
5. SSC can fund repairs and improvements to existing building systems as long as it works toward the goal of improving campus sustainability; however, a preference is shown to projects utilizing new or innovative ideas.
6. SSC can provide departments with loans for projects with a distinct payback on a case by case base. Loans will require a separate memorandum of understanding between SSC and departmental leadership pledging to repay the award in full and detailing the payback plan.

#### **C. Things SSC Will Not Fund:**

1. SSC will not fund projects with a primary end goal of generating revenue for non-University entities.
2. SSC will not fund personal lodging, food, beverage, and other travel expenses.
3. SSC will not fund any travel expenses.
4. SSC will not fund tuition or other forms of personal financial assistance for students beyond standard student employee wages.

**Your funding application should include this application and any letters of support.**

Please submit this completed application and any relevant supporting documentation by the deadline listed on the SSC website to [Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu](mailto:Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu). The Working Group Chairs will be in contact with you regarding any questions about the application. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee at [Sustainability-Committee@illinois.edu](mailto:Sustainability-Committee@illinois.edu).

## General & Contact Information

**Project Name:** Ecofeminism Summit

**Total Amount Requested from SSC:** \$9,999

**Project Topic Areas:**  Land & Water  Education  Energy  
 Transportation  Food & Waste

**Applicant Name:** Meredith Riggs

**Campus Affiliation (Unit/Department or RSO/Organization):** Women's Resources Center

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### Check one:

This project is solely my own **OR**

This project is proposed on behalf of (name of student org., campus dept., etc.):

### Project Team Members

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### **Student-Led Projects (Mandatory):**

Name of Faculty or Staff Project Advisor: Amie Baumeister

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### ***Financial Contact (Must be a full-time University of Illinois staff member)***

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## **Project Information**

*Please review the proposal materials and online content carefully. It is highly recommended you visit a working group meeting sometime during the proposal submission process.*

### **Please provide a brief background of the project, its goals, and the desired outcomes:**

*We want to know: What is your project? What does it concretely produce, accomplish, or solve? Why is this project needed on campus?*

Last held in 2021, The Ecofeminism Summit 2023 offers a month-long series of programs designed to connect social justice, environmental justice, and feminist theory. Keynote lectures, workshops, film screening, and lectures will provide students with unique opportunities to further explore ecofeminist theory and praxis.

### **Where will the project be located? Are special permissions required for this project site?**

*If special permission is required for this location, please explain and submit any relevant letters of support with the application. SSC cannot fund projects without prior location approval.*

The events will be hosted on campus. Tentatively, the events will be hosted at the Women's Resource Center, but we are currently exploring larger campus spaces as well for the keynote speakers specifically, such as the Siebel Center for Design.

### **Other than the project team, who will have a stake in the project? Please list other individuals, groups, or departments affiliated directly or indirectly by the project. This includes any entity providing funding (immediate, future, ongoing, matching, in-kind, etc.) and any entities that benefit from this project.**

*Please attach letters of commitment or support at the end of the application.*

We plan to reach out to environmental and gender-justice oriented RSOs such as SECs or CodeRed to be a part of the project.

### **How will this project involve and/or benefit students?**

*This includes both direct and indirect impact.*

Students across campus will be invited to attend the Ecofeminism Summit. This event is meant to spread awareness and knowledge of the intersectionality of environmentalism and feminism while inspiring students to action. Women play a unique role when it comes to environmental justice, so it is important to shed light on it. Our keynote speakers will inspire the students, the lectures, for example on indigenous sustainability, will educate students, the workshops/film screens will allow students to have productive discussions about the content they are digesting.

### **What are your specific outreach goals? How will this project inspire change at UIUC?**

We held the Ecofeminism Summit last year in 2022. Our goal is to provide ecofeminism resources not only for people who are involved in sustainability and environmental justice initiatives, but also to expand our audience beyond that. Reaching out to RSOs such as Society of Women Engineers and Women in Business lets us expand our audience and resources in order to maximize the impact of this series of events. This project will inspire change as a result of the large audience it impacts. Because of the intersectionality with feminism, this may act as an introduction to ecofeminism for many of these women-centered RSOs.

### **How will the project improve environmental sustainability at the Urbana-Champaign campus?**

This project will help bring awareness to campus and provide resources for students looking to become more involved with environmental activism and sustainability. Some of our potential keynote speakers do work specifically on the intersections of indigenous women and sustainability, as well as native perspectives on the environment. By educating students on these topics, it could shed light on new perspectives on ecofeminism

and environmentalism, thus encouraging them to become more sustainable and environment/gender justice oriented.

**If applicable, how does this project impact environmental injustice or social injustice?**

Ecofeminism explores the intersectionality of environmentalism and feminism. This touches on both environmental injustice and social injustice and how those overlap and impact each other. Hearing from our keynote speakers more about how environmental impacts disproportionately impact women and people of color will be very educational for attendees

## **Scope, Schedule, and Budget verification**

**What is the plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project including the start date, target completion date, target date for submitting a final report, and any significant tasks or milestones.**

*Please be as detailed as possible.*

The goal is for Ecofeminism Summit speakers to be scheduled during April.

The project started in mid-September looking for potential keynote speakers.

The top potential keynote speakers will be contacted by 11/11.

If there are no responses, new speakers will be contacted by 11/30.

**List all budget items for which funding is being requested. Include cost and total amount for each item requested.**

*Please be as detailed as possible.*

Keynote Speakers x3 = \$8,000

Sustainable giveaway items, such as menstrual cups = ~\$1,999

**If the project is implemented, will you require ongoing funding? What is the strategy for supporting the project in order to cover replacement, operation, or renewal costs?**

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**Please include any other obtained sources of funding. Have you applied for funding elsewhere?**

*Please attach any relevant letters of support as needed in a separate document.*

Some supplemental funding may come from the Student Cultural Programming fee, WRC, WGPP, or iSEE.

**Have you applied for funding from SSC before? If so, for what project?**

A different applicant applied on behalf of the Ecofeminism Summit last year, but this is my first time applying for funding.

**How will you bring awareness and publicize the project on campus? In addition to SSC, where will information about this project be reported?**

We will publicize the event through social media and the WRC newsletter. We will also reach out to environmental RSOs and academic departments, such as SECs, iSEE, or SSF, to promote the event.