



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

April 24, 2017

Project: iSEE Collaboratory

Dear Prof. Khanna:

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 your project **receives \$100,000 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 May 31, 2019. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
2. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
3. Project must adhere to the scope of work and funding as defined in the attached project summary.
4. 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.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
6. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
7. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding. 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. Projects must coordinate with SSC to ensure promotion appropriately highlights the SSC's contributions to the project.
8. Projects must participate in the Campus Sustainability Symposium at least once before June 30, 2020.

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, Paul Cousto, at pcousto2@illinois.edu or the SSC Coordinator, Micah Kenfield, at kenfield@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs 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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Project Information

Project: iSEE Collaboratory

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Receiving Campus Unit: Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment

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Project Description:

At the heart of iSEE's mission is training students to become the next generation of sustainability leaders. To help fulfill this mission, iSEE will develop a "collaboratory" — a new classroom, conference, collaboration, and communications space next to our offices in the National Soybean Research Center (NSRC). This new complex will include space for experiential learning, a collaboration incubator, and a communications laboratory.

Two major facets to iSEE's instructional mission include a new undergraduate minor in sustainability and a new undergraduate environmental writing certificate. Together, these activities will involve up to ~500 students annually. To serve these students, as well as to provide space for student sustainability groups and other RSOs, we will develop, for the first time, a central Collaboratory designed to facilitate group activities, with state-of-the-art communications capabilities for research, collaboration, and conferencing. By providing advanced teleconferencing capabilities, the collaboratory will also provide access to virtual conferences and webinars for professional development, thus reducing campus carbon emissions derived from travel to offsite conference.

This proposal directly funds remaining costs needed to begin the design and renovation process.