



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

**Funding Award and Acceptance Letter**

December 11, 2017

Project: "CornCrete"

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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 \$47,000 in grant funding**. This fully funds all items on your proposal.

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 Coordinator by January 31, 2020.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester, in the method requested, until the project is completed.
3. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
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 Coordinator.
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.
8. 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.

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, Nick Heyek, at [nheyek2@illinois.edu](mailto:nheyek2@illinois.edu) or the SSC Coordinator, Cathy Liebowitz, at [cwl1517@illinois.edu](mailto:cwl1517@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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**SSC Signatories**

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Nick Heyek, Chair  
Student Sustainability Committee

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Olivia Yu, Treasurer  
Student Sustainability Committee

**Awardee Signatory**

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Mark Taylor  
Applicant

**iSEE Signatory**

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Dr. Evan DeLucia, Director  
Institute for Sustainability, Energy & Environment

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## Project Information

**Project:** “CornCrete”

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$47,000

**Receiving Campus Unit:** School of Architecture

**Unit Financial Contact:** Mark Taylor

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### Project Description:

In April 2017 three faculty members received \$14,522 from the University Research Board to conduct preliminary investigations surrounding crop residue as a building material at both small and large scale. The results of those initial investigations proved very positive. This project primarily strives to turn corn stalks into a building product. Students will support Professor Taylor throughout the project, giving students research and professional development opportunities. This funding supports the design and construction of a small mobile field station using agricultural waste. Upon completion, researchers and students will have a better understanding on how agricultural waste materials perform as a building material that can get used at a larger scale. Moreover, the campus will have a mobile field station that uses corn stock insulation.

This proposal directly funds:

1. Labor costs
2. Building materials
3. Testing equipment