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Project Questionnaire

Please provide proper and accurate information.

1. Name of project *

Addressing Sustainability in Research: Pipette Tip Box Waste

2. Date project received financial award letter *

March 27th, 2024

3. Date of forecasted project completion *

December 2024

4. Date of report submission *

May 10th, 2024

5. Marketing and promotion efforts to date *

Emailed Everitt Laboratory research groups and classroom labs about interest and box delivery

6. Please describe project progress *

2 packs of 5 recycling boxes (10 boxes total) purchased and delivered. I have handed out 2 boxes to the Underhill group, 1 box to the Sirk group, 1 box to the Gaj group, 1 box to the Lu group, 1 box to the Leggett group, and 1 box to the BIOE 202 course instructor. The last three boxes are available for those who request another or other research groups in Everitt Lab. There is still enough funding to purchase 1 more pack of 5, which I aim to do in the fall when I am back on campus, and there is a need for it in the bioengineering department.

7. Please describe how your project integrates student involvement and community outreach *

This project aims to standardize recycling techniques in wet lab research, addressing a significant gap in sustainability practices within the biological research community. Much of biological research has to maintain aseptic techniques, so there are not many avenues in which research sustainability can be implemented. By providing a resource and knowledge about other platforms in which sustainability can be integrated into research culture, I hope that this project can kickstart these research groups into continuing this practice, hopefully spreading campuswide. By providing recycling boxes to BIOE classrooms, students will identify places in which recycling can be practiced in a lab setting, hopefully pushing the next generation of researchers to seek opportunities in which we can recycle.


Project Documentation

8. Please upload updated financial documentation for your project

<https://studentengagement.illinois.edu/student-sustainability/ssc/docs/SSC-Supplemental-Budget-Timeline.xlsx> *

 [Spring 2024 Semesterly Report Pipette Tip Was_Katie Zobus.xlsx](#)

9. Please upload project photography *

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