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Time to complete

1. Date of this semester progress report submission *

12/19/24

2. Name of project exactly as it was listed in your award letter *

Ghost Electric Motorcycle

3. Date of original award letter *

4/19/24

4. Date of expiration listed on award letter (or on scope change approval if more recent) *

4/3/26

5. Date of forecasted project completion *

5/20/25

6. Have you submitted one or more semester progress reports previously? *

 YES NO

7. Describe, in detail, what has been completed on the project since the last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

Since the start of our organization, Ghost Electric Motorcycles has made substantial progress in multiple areas. The team secured a dedicated workspace at Right Balance Motorsports, providing an ideal environment for the hands-on development of the electric motorcycle project. Membership has grown significantly, increasing from fewer than 10 to over 25 consistent members, which has enhanced collaboration and expanded the team's capabilities. Additionally, the group successfully obtained numerous sponsorships that contributed both physical bike parts and financial support, ensuring the project remains well-resourced. To further refine our approach, the team conducted in-depth research on the electric motorcycle market and networked with international companies, gaining valuable insights into the success factors of similar initiatives. These accomplishments have laid a strong foundation for the project's continued growth and success.

8. Describe, in detail, the project's challenges/obstacles since your last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

Since the project commenced, Ghost Electric Motorcycles has faced numerous challenges and obstacles. Securing shop space to work on the project proved to be difficult, as options were limited and required significant effort to obtain. Gaining sponsorships and financial support also posed a challenge, as we had to effectively sell our vision to potential sponsors, which often involved overcoming skepticism and building trust. Additionally, recruiting and retaining consistent members who were willing to dedicate multiple hours per week to the project was a persistent struggle, particularly while balancing the scheduling of regular meetings that accommodated everyone's availability. Managing logistics, such as renting meeting spaces and aligning schedules, often added stress and complexity to the team's workflow. Motivation became a challenge during periods where progress plateaued, requiring strong leadership and resilience to keep the team engaged and focused. Starting and running a club from scratch was an entirely new experience for most team members, requiring them to learn about organizational management and team coordination on the fly. Moreover, the technical aspect of building an electric motorcycle without prior blueprints or established guidelines presented a steep learning curve. Finally, securing mentorship support to guide the team through these uncharted waters was another hurdle that demanded persistent networking and outreach efforts. Despite these challenges, the team has shown determination and adaptability in advancing the project.

9. Describe, in detail, the project's successes since your last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

Since the project commenced, Ghost Electric Motorcycles has achieved several noteworthy successes that highlight the team's dedication and resourcefulness. One of the most significant accomplishments was securing a shop space at Right Balance Motorsports, which provided a vital location for hands-on development and experimentation. The team also successfully grew its membership, expanding from fewer than 10 to over 25 consistent members who are passionate and actively contribute to the project. Another major success was obtaining sponsorships from a variety of organizations, which supplied both financial support and physical components for the bike. This milestone not only provided essential resources but also validated the team's vision and credibility. The team further advanced by conducting comprehensive research into the electric motorcycle market and networking with international companies. These efforts allowed them to gain valuable insights into what makes similar projects successful and to establish connections that could benefit the project in the long term. Additionally, the team successfully organized regular meetings and created a productive workflow, even while learning how to run a club and manage operations from scratch. Through their efforts, they built a strong foundation for the electric motorcycle, tackling a steep learning curve without existing blueprints. The ability to overcome technical and organizational challenges while remaining innovative and persistent underscores the significant progress made since the project's inception. These successes have set the stage for continued growth and achievement in the future.

10. Complete and upload the semester financial documentation for your project. You should reflect all expenditures since your last semester project report. We strongly suggest that you also upload supporting financial documentation from Banner for your award CFOP. NOTE: When your project is completed and/or expired (whichever comes first), any remaining project funds will be transferred back to the SSC.

<https://studentengagement.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/SSC-Budget-Timeline-SEMESTER-PROGRESS-REPORT-template.xlsx>

 [Ghost Audited Financials_Sam Blaker.xlsx](#)

 [SSC Budget Timeline Semester Progress Report_Sam Blaker.xlsx](#)

11. Upload project marketing and/or media not previously submitted in semester progress reports. *

NOTE: Project marketing and/or media must include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project.

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