



Student Sustainability Committee Funding Award Letter



May 25, 2024

Project: Precious Plastics UIUC Recycling Station

Nicholas Puddicombe,

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) is pleased to inform you that your project has received approval from the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE), and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

The Student Sustainability Committee is proud to award **\$48,961.99** in grant funding for **Precious Plastics UIUC Recycling Station**.

In order to remain eligible for this award, you agree to the following conditions:

1. The project must be completed within two years of the funding awarded. A final report of all work completed, a full list of expenditures, and a detailed sustainability impact report must be provided to the SSC Advisor by **05/25/2026** or project completion, whichever comes first.
2. Project status updates, and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. The Primary Applicant will be the individual responsible for all official communication and the execution of this agreement.
4. The Project Unit Financial Contact must submit the prescribed FPI form for the assignment of a Chart, Fund, Organization, and Program code (CFOP) within four weeks of receipt of this letter. The CFOP established for this award shall strictly be used to award the funds to this proposal.
5. Any substantial modifications to the project, including alterations to the budget, timeline, project lead, and project direction, must be submitted within a scope change form. A majority vote of the SSC must approve scope changes.
6. All projects are expected to follow university policies and procedures as well as any applicable local, state, and federal laws.
7. The sponsoring department is responsible for all equipment purchased with SSC funds. Equipment should be inventoried according to institutional procedures and should be returned to the department, as applicable, when not in use by the project team.
8. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
9. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project must acknowledge SSC funding.
10. Any marketing, including but not limited to advertising, signs, and digital ads, involving the project or events surrounding this project must 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.

Project: Precious Plastics UIUC Recycling Station

Funding Source: SCEF (303692)

Funding Requested: \$48,961.99

Funding Allocated: \$48,961.99

Primary Unit of the Project: Siebel Center for Design

Unit Financial Contact: Nicholas Puddicombe

Project Description:

This project will create a plastics recycling hub at Siebel Center for Design (SCD) that focuses on collecting and recycling plastic waste from laser-cut acrylics and 3D printing filaments. SCD will house, support, and fund the ongoing operation of the recycling center as a core part of the Maker Network and our sustainability efforts. This project will kick-start the recycling center with new equipment and labor to set up and test the system and develop processes. The project will utilize the loading garage at the SCD to create a plastics recycling center that focuses on plastics from laser-cut acrylic and 3D-printed filaments. We are providing a permanent space for the recycling center and making it part of the ongoing operations at SCD, which are supported by our student staff. This project aims to make this center capable of recycling all viable plastic waste from the SCD labs as well as others on campus and re-issue the recycled plastics to campus labs as a free alternative to bringing more plastics onto campus. We also hope to inspire a culture of awareness around plastic recycling, use reduction, and the effort required to make sustainable products and solutions. Our deliverables will be the Recycling Center, and we will produce and make recycled plastics available to students through the SCD Labs and others on campus.

Project Category:

Food & Waste

This proposal directly funds:

1. FilaBot full recycling setup, receive and assemble equipment (student labor hours)
2. Storage bins for raw waste and sorting: Industrial rolling waste bins
3. Information posters, decals, and materials for training and administration
4. Testing equipment and developing operating processes (student labor hours)

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