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Respondent

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Leon Liebenberg

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Time to complete

1. Date of this semester progress report submission *

Spring 2024 and Fall 2024

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

Reimagine Our Future (ROF) Sustainability Contest

3. Date of original award letter *

December 4, 2023 (Scope change submitted on 3/14/2025)

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

December 3, 2025

5. How much was your award (i.e., original award plus any approved budget increases)? *

\$33,800

6. How much of your award has been spent to date (in dollars)? *

18,849.63

7. Date of forecasted project completion *

Dec. 31, 2025

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

☐ YES

☒ NO

9. 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)? *

1. Appointed four research assistants in Spring 2024 and Fall 2024: Erin Kelley, Jessie Cleverly, Aaryaman Patel, and Juan David Campolargo)
2. Purchased HeroX competition platform and transferred award money to the HeroX organization.
3. Graphic design of competition promotional materials, including paper and digital flyers, advertisements (Daily Illini, etc.), design and production of competition pop-up banner for use during competition promotion and the award ceremony, graphic design of award ceremony slide presentation.
4. Staged a successful 2024 Reimagine our Future competition, attracting 253 undergraduates, <https://www.herox.com/reimagine2024/teams>
Award ceremony was held virtually from the CITL videorecording studio.
The HeroX organization paid the winners from the award money that was previously transferred to them.

10. 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)? *

We experienced difficulties in finding an appropriate competition platform, rather than WordPress. Our student assistants were most helpful in identifying HeroX as a suitable platform. After purchasing HeroX, our student assistants customized the platform for the competition. They encountered many software difficulties that were mostly addressed. Small, lingering issues are currently being worked on.

11. 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)? *

We staged a successful 2024 Reimagine our Future competition (Dec. 2024), attracting 253 undergraduates and 61 teams, <https://www.herox.com/reimagine2024/teams>
Participants spent eight weeks crafting innovative solutions for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and showcasing contributions of diverse disciplines such as engineering, health sciences, agriculture, and architecture to sustainability through factsheets.
The fact sheets were evaluated by 54 initial judges, who selected 12 finalists. A group of 11 finalist judges evaluated the 12 finalists' submissions from which the category winners were established. The three winning teams were further mentored by Professor Mike Yao, College of Media / Gies College of Business.
The Center for Global Studies has agreed to support the competition in 2025 with the appointment of a graduate student assistant to help expand the reach of the competition to universities in the Global South.
The competition coordinating committee (Leon Liebenberg, Warren Lavey, Codie Sterner, Sandra Voskoboynikova) is also collaborating with partners from the University of Birmingham (Prof. Julia Myatt, Prof. Aleks Cavoski, Beth Jones) to develop learning material which instructors could use when integrating the competition in their classes.

12. Did your project have any changes to its team that SSC should know about (e.g., project lead, faculty/staff advisor, departmental financial contact)? *

NOTE: If yes, please complete the SSC Project Contact Information Change Form located at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/uBjx9nmNpG>

☐ YES

☒ NO

13. 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>

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14. (OPTIONAL FOR SEMESTER REPORT) 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(s) funded the project.

 [2024ReImagineOurFuture-Block ad for Daily Ill Leon Liebenberg.jpg](#)

 [2024ReImagineOurFutureCompetitionNames Leon Liebenberg.jpg](#)

 [Pop up banner- ReImagineOurFutureBannerDispla Leon Liebenberg.pdf](#)

 [Latest ROF Award ceremony slides Leon Liebenberg.pptx](#)