Funding Application – Student-Led Projects (Under $10K)

Funding Criteria

A. General Rules

1. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to submit requests for funding. Student-led projects require a faculty or staff sponsor in order to have funds awarded.
2. Funding can only go to university-affiliated projects from students, faculty, staff, and departments.
3. All SSC projects must make a substantial impact on students. This may be a direct impact or an impact through education and engagement. All SSC funding is 100% from student green fees, so the projects funded by the students must benefit them.
4. SSC encourages innovation and new technologies – creative projects are encouraged to apply.
5. Unless a type of expense is specifically listed below as having restrictions, SSC can generally fund it. The items referenced below should not be taken as comprehensive list.

B. Things SSC Can Fund, On A Case-By-Case Basis

1. SSC can fund feasibility studies and design work; however, it must work toward ultimately addressing a sustainability need on campus.
2. SSC can fund staff positions that are related to improving campus sustainability. Strong preference will be given to proposals receiving matching funding from departments and/or plans for maintaining continuity of the position after the end of the initial grant.
3. SSC can fund outreach events with a central theme of sustainability, provided their primary audience is the general campus community.
4. SSC discourages funding requests for food and prizes but will consider proposals on a case by case basis that prove significant reasoning.
5. SSC can fund repairs and improvements to existing building systems as long as it works toward the goal of improving campus sustainability; however, a preference is shown to projects utilizing new or innovative ideas.
6. SSC can provide departments with loans for projects with a distinct payback on a case by case base. Loans will require a separate memorandum of understanding between SSC and departmental leadership pledging to repay the award in full and detailing the payback plan.

C. Things SSC Will Not Fund:

1. SSC will not fund projects with a primary end goal of generating revenue for non-University entities.
2. SSC will not fund personal lodging, food, beverage, and other travel expenses.
3. SSC will not fund any travel expenses.
4. SSC will not fund tuition or other forms of personal financial assistance for students beyond standard student employee wages.

Your funding application should include this application and any letters of support.

Please submit this completed application and any relevant supporting documentation by the deadline listed on the SSC website to Sustainability-Committee@Illinois.edu. The Working Group Chairs will be in contact with you regarding any questions about the application. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee at Sustainability-Committee@illinois.edu.

General & Contact Information

Project Name: Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 15ᵗʰ Annual Conference
Total Amount Requested from SSC: $1000

Project Topic Areas: ☐ Land & Water ☒ Education ☐ Energy
☐ Transportation ☒ Food & Waste

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Check one:
☐ This project is solely my own **OR**
☒ This project is proposed on behalf of (name of student org., campus dept., etc.): Illinois Language and Linguistics Society

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Project Information

Please review the proposal materials and online content carefully. It is <u>highly recommended</u> you visit a working group meeting sometime during the proposal submission process.

Please provide a brief background of the project, its goals, and the desired outcomes:
We want to know: What is your project? What does it concretely produce, accomplish, or solve? Why is this project needed on campus?
This is the 15th annual conference held at UIUC for linguistics research. We are trying to make this conference more sustainable by reducing our waste through encouraging our attendees, both from UIUC and other universities, to bring their reusable water bottles and reuse nametags from previous conferences. Additionally, we plan to not print programs, to buy less materials (notebooks, pens, folders, etc) and not use disposable plates, cups, utensils during snack breaks. The UIUC Union Catering Services charges $2.50 per person for reusable dishware. We are asking SSC to fund us to pay for this fee for 4 snacks over the course of the two-day conference for 100 people, which amounts to $1,000.

The desired outcome for this more sustainable conference is to show attendees that these events can be more sustainable. By encouraging other conference planners and attendees to be similarly conscious of waste, this would contribute to iCAP's zero waste goal in that we will be limiting the amount of waste that comes from UIUC.

Where will the project be located? Are special permissions required for this project site?
If special permission is required for this location, please explain and submit any relevant letters of support with the application. SSC cannot fund projects without prior location approval.
This project will be located in the Illini Union. No special permission is needed, as the catering service is already located in the building.

Other than the project team, who will have a stake in the project? Please list other individuals, groups, or departments affiliated directly or indirectly by the project. This includes any entity providing funding (immediate, future, ongoing, matching, in-kind, etc.) and any entities that benefit from this project.
Please attach letters of commitment or support at the end of the application.
Other funding entities supporting the conference overall are (as of 10/13/2022):
Center for Advanced Study
Department of Communication
Department of FRIT
Department of Linguistics
SLATE
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

How will this project involve and/or benefit students?
This includes both direct and indirect impact.
This conference is planned completely by UIUC graduate students in the departments of Linguistics, Spanish and Portuguese, French and Italian, Germanic Language and Literatures, and Philosophy. Moreover, many graduate students and undergraduate students from UIUC present their research at this conference in addition to graduate students from other universities. Further, all UIUC students are able to attend this conference for free.

What are your specific outreach goals? How will this project inspire change at UIUC?

Not many conferences are undergraduate-friendly, but ILLS is primarily aimed at providing graduate students and advanced undergraduate students a local and friendly venue in which to present and discuss research on any topic relating to language and linguistics. ILLS focuses on language and linguistics more broadly including any subfield or discipline related to language research. Futher, we are hosting speakers who are widely-known and established in their field, so not many undergraduate students would have the chance to interact with these plenaries so closely at such an early stage in their academic experience.

How will the project improve environmental sustainability at the Urbana-Champaign campus?
If we are able to use reusable dishware, we will be limiting the amount of waste created by the conference. We will only print as needed for specific documents instead of printing frivolously. Further, we will be using social media for our primary form of advertisement. In addition, much of the relevant research is done using sustainable methods, such as using software instead of paper for experiments.

If applicable, how does this project impact environmental injustice or social injustice?
For this conference, we have invited a speaker that focuses on Syrian refugees in Canada. We provide a platform for underrepresented groups and languages, which is distinct from the English-dominated research in this field and across disciplines. This is also a student-run conference. Our speakers and attendees are undergraduate and graduate students, who may not have a chance to present as single authors at other conferences.

Scope, Schedule, and Budget verification

What is the plan for project implementation? Describe the key steps of the project including the start date, target completion date, target date for submitting a final report, and any significant tasks or milestones.
Please be as detailed as possible.
The conference is March 3 and 4, 2023. The snacks will be provided in the morning and afternoon sessions on both dates, requiring the reusable utensils and plates during these sessions. We can submit a final report by the end of March 2023.

List all budget items for which funding is being requested. Include cost and total amount for each item requested.
Please be as detailed as possible.
Reusable dishware fee $2.50 per person for 4 meals for 100 people → 2.5X4X100=1,000

If the project is implemented, will you require ongoing funding? What is the strategy for supporting the project in order to cover replacement, operation, or renewal costs?
SSC provides funding on a case by case basis and should not be considered as an ongoing source of funding
The project is not ongoing, and costs will be one-time.

Please include any other obtained sources of funding. Have you applied for funding elsewhere?
Please attach any relevant letters of support as needed in a separate document.
We have applied for funding from SORF. We plan to apply for funding from Programming Coordinating Committeee (PCC) and the School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics (SLCL). We are currently working on co-sponsorships from other departments. Current pledges (as of 10/13/2022) are attached.

Have you applied for funding from SSC before? If so, for what project?
Yes, the committee from 12th annual conference (ILLS12) applied for funding. For ILLS15, we are applying for the same support.

How will you bring awareness and publicize the project on campus? In addition to SSC, where will information about this project be reported?
There is a website created for this conference in addition to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages. Moreover, announcements for this conference will be sent to Center for Advanced Study, Beckman Institute, Department of English, Department of Psychology, Department of Communication, REEEC, Department of Anthropology, European Union Center, Department of EALC, Department of FRIT, Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures, Department of Linguistics, SLATE, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, and SLCL. We will also be posting flyers acrosss campus to advertise the conference and sponsors.
The sustainability of this project will be posted on the ILLS15 website.