



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

December 17, 2019

Project: Social Hack Conference

Dear Mx. Ajaita Saini:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (ISEE) that your project receives \$4,382 in grant funding.

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

1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Coordinator by December of 2021.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester, in the method requested, until the project is completed.
3. The Contact Person will be individually responsible for all official communication and the execution of this agreement.
4. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
5. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and Coordinator.
6. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
7. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
8. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding.
9. Any signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should 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.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the SSC, at sustainability-committee@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.

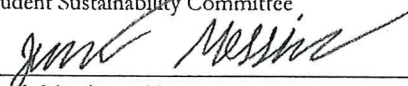


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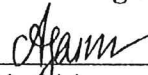


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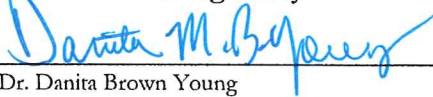
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Project Information

Project: Social Hack Conference

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$4,382

Receiving Campus Unit: National Center for Supercomputing Applications

Unit Financial Contact: Janet Smith

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Project Description:

Social Hack is a conference run by Design for America that teaches community members, specifically students, the importance of implementing the human-centered design process in the real world. Students from UIUC will be in teams of 4-5 and spend the weekend focusing on how we can approach climate change and sustainability from a human-centered design perspective. By the end of the conference, student teams will have presented their ideas to judges, ranging from local companies to Chicago based design firms. Winners will receive the opportunity and financial support to continue building out their ideas with guidance from Design for America mentors and campus/community partners.

Innovation is incredibly important, but most neglect the importance of empathy and need-finding before brainstorming. This disconnect between intention and actions once implemented derive from misunderstanding community needs. Many students want to work with partner organizations, but initiating these relationships is the biggest hurdle exacerbated by figuring out how to maintain productivity with that partner. Teaching this process is essential because it is a universal skill that any major would benefit from knowing in their career. At Design for America, our members tackle social issues using this design process. Because our membership is limited by project capacity, we turn away many passionate students interested in empathy-based social innovation. With multiple Maker/Innovation Spaces popping up on campus as well as the new Siebel Center for Design, we want to create a broad opportunity to not only help attending communities partners but teach effective and responsible ways to start projects. By opening the door to empathy based ideas, our



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goal is that our community partners can actually execute on these ideas and work with students passionate about the issue through Social Hack.

This proposal directly funds:

1. Room Rental
2. Prototyping Materials
3. Marketing Materials