



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

**Funding Award and Acceptance Letter**

April 25, 2019

Project: Campus Instructional Facility Geothermal

Dear Mx. Liu:

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 **\$125,000 in grant funding**. This fully funds all items on your proposal.

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 May 31, 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 Program 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 Chair, Adrian Chendra, at [chendra2@illinois.edu](mailto:chendra2@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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**SSC Signatories**

Adrian Chendra, Chair  
Student Sustainability Committee

Prahallad Badami, Treasurer  
Student Sustainability Committee

**Awardee Signatory**

Liang Liu  
Applicant

**iSEE Signatory**

Dr. Evan DeLucia, Director  
Institute for Sustainability, Energy & Environment

**Student Affairs Signatory**

Dr. Danita Brown Young  
Division of Student Affairs



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**Project Information**

**Project:** Campus Instructional Facility Geothermal

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$125,000

**Receiving Campus Unit:** College of Engineering

**Unit Financial Contact:** Liang Liu

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**Project Description:**

Construction will begin in June on the University of Illinois Campus Instructional Facility (CIF), which will be the first public-private partnership on the UIUC campus and the first geothermal system project of its size and scale. This geothermal installation will be scalable, allowing for expansion to other buildings on the Bardeen Quad. The system will reduce overall usage of other energy sources and provide a form of resiliency when parts of the campus energy system go offline, as well as reduce dependence on the Abbott Power Plant. It will also provide a prime opportunity to seek publicity and coverage to promote the UI as a leader of sustainability. Its completion will be a milestone for the university's goal of carbon neutrality and will be the first to use this forward looking design while transitioning the campus towards a cleaner tomorrow.