

## **Application for The Green Initiative Fund**

### **About**

In effort to foster innovation and support student-led initiatives, the Office of Sustainability at Scripps College will award funding of up to \$2,000 per project for projects that demonstrate strong potential for enhancing campus sustainability.

The purpose of this fund is to help generate and support innovative ideas for campus sustainability initiatives. It is also intended to facilitate hands-on learning by engaging students in the process of proposing and implementing projects and engaging with different campus stakeholders.

### **Eligibility**

Those eligible for funding include all students enrolled at Scripps. Student groups are also eligible to apply, granted there is clear identification of the primary applicant/leader who will be responsible for the project. Students must be on campus during the semester in which the project will take place.

In addition to meeting eligibility, projects must enhance sustainability at Scripps College by doing one or more of the following:

- Mitigate our impact on climate change by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions
- Conserve resources like energy, water, and raw materials
- Enhance biodiversity and support the local ecosystem
- Minimize waste by finding ways to reduce and reuse
- Increase energy efficiency in our campus buildings
- Improve access to and use of sustainable transportation methods
- Demonstrate intersectionality of environmental, social, and economic benefits
- Help our campus adapt to the ongoing impacts of climate change
- Help our campus build resilience to the future impacts of climate change
- Develop tools to assess sustainability on campus
- Increase green campus infrastructure
- Improve environmental health, such as local air quality or indoor air quality

In addition, projects should:

- Foster collaboration among different campus stakeholders
- Center community values
- Be logistically feasible
- Use resources creatively

Out of scope:

- Funding will not be granted to projects focused on improving the sustainability of other colleges, organizations, or off campus improvements.

### **Instructions**

- Complete the following form completely. The more information and detail you can provide, the better. All fields are required except those marked optional.
- Email completed applications to [sustainability@scrippscollege.edu](mailto:sustainability@scrippscollege.edu) in a Word document (.doc) format. Title the document as “Applicant First Name, Last Name\_Innovation Grant Proposal”.
- While submissions are accepted throughout the semester, funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Project Name:**

**Project start/end date:**

**Description of Project**

- **Describe the problem:**

*Example: Most students use incandescent light bulbs in their dorm room light fixtures, such as lamps. These bulbs use significantly more electricity than LED bulbs. By replacing these with LEDs, we can increase energy efficiency in the dorms.*

- **Proposed solution:** Describe your project and how it will address the problem described above.

*Example: This project would purchase an additional 100 LED bulbs and distribute to students while providing education on how to change out bulbs. If we replaced 100 incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs, we could reduce our annual energy use by 2,000 kWh, which equates to cost savings of approximately \$300.*

- **Impact:** How does your project improve campus sustainability? Who will it impact? (See criteria on page 1)

*Example: This project will enhance campus energy efficiency in the dorms and create awareness among students on energy conservation practices. We will also foster collaboration by working closely with Residential Life, Office of Sustainability, and Facilities.*

**Applicant Information** (add rows as needed – please list the primary applicant(s)/leader(s) first)

Applicant Name	Class Year	Email	Phone	Role in Project

*Note: **Only students enrolled at Scripps are eligible for funding.** Student groups are also eligible to apply, granted there is clear identification of the primary applicant/leader who will be responsible for the project. Students must be on campus during the semester(s) in which the project will take place.*

**Requested Budget**

Item (materials, etc.)	Cost per unit	Quantity	Total Cost
			\$
			\$
			\$
Total Request			\$

**Stakeholders:** Please list relevant stakeholders - faculty/staff/students who will be involved in approving, implementing, and/or sustaining the project.

Department/Organization	Point of Contact Name + Job Title or Role	Level of Engagement ( <i>We met in person and discussed the project; Expressed support for the project via email; will be involved in implementation</i> )

*Note: Getting support from, or at least socializing the idea with relevant stakeholders before submitting the application, will greatly strengthen your request.*

**Project Plan:** Describe project goals and estimated timeline for achieving them. Make sure these goals are achievable within the project duration and budget you are requesting. Also include any potential challenges you foresee and how you plan to address them.

*Example: During the first three weeks of Fall semester, we will work with the Facilities department to purchase 100 light bulbs. During this time, we will also begin distributing flyers and emails to raise awareness about the program and how students can participate. Sometime in September, we hope to partner with Office of Student Engagement and table during lunch time as part of Wednesday on the Green and distribute light bulbs. Our goal is to distribute 100 light bulbs by the end of the semester. One potential challenge is that we will not know for sure whether the light bulbs were successfully installed by students (if it did not fit their fixture, they had trouble installing it, forgot, etc.). We plan to address this by collecting contact information, then sending out a survey afterwards to estimate the overall success rate.*

**Matching funds/other sources of support (optional):** Describe any external sources of support that will be contributed to this project. This can be in the form of funding, materials, staff support, etc.

*Example: We have 5-10 students who have signed up to volunteer and pass out light bulbs. We also received some donated gift cards from the Scripps Store which we will raffle off to those who take the survey.*

**Awareness and education (optional):** If relevant, describe any educational or awareness-raising efforts that will go along with this project. E.g., flyers, tabling, emails, social media.

**Is there any other information you would like to provide? (optional):** For example, if this project is key to a longer-term plan or institutional sustainability goal, this is where you can elaborate.