

INVITATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE NEW URI STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE FUND

The Divisions of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Research and Economic Development at the University of Rhode Island and the URI Transportation Center are pleased to announce and support a new URI Student Sustainability Initiative Fund. This Fund provides support for student led sustainability projects aimed specifically at the URI campuses and/or community, including projects aimed at energy conservation, transportation, recycling, and/or others aspects of sustainability. Individuals or groups of students can submit short proposals for funding up to \$750.00 in support of supplies for sustainability initiatives that will reduce the URI ecological and/or carbon footprint in some way. It is expected that the average grant provided will be about \$500. Each project must include a mechanism to enhance visibility of or provide education about the positive ecological and economic implications resulting from the project aimed at encouraging a broad sustainability ethic among members of the URI campus community.

Proposal Review

We envision the Student Sustainability Initiative as a student led program with faculty oversight and guidance. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of students, staff, and faculty knowledgeable about sustainability principles and practices. Each proposal will be rated following a standard protocol and the proposals with the strongest ratings will be recommended for funding. Funds will be managed through the Division of Academic Affairs.

Proposal Submission Process:

For projects to be conducted during spring semester 2009, proposals must be submitted electronically as a pdf file attachment by the deadline of 4:30pm on Friday, February 13, 2009. Please copy or cut and paste the following application information below and save as a word document; then complete and save your proposal as one pdf document, including budget and justification of project expenses. *Note: funds cannot be used to support wages or any form of payment for individuals involved with the project, nor for travel or equipment.*

Please limit application to no more than 2 pages, including budget with justification.

To submit application, email proposal as a pdf attachment to Dr. Karen Markin at the following email address: green@ra.uri.edu

Proposals must be emailed by the deadline of 4:30pm on February 13, 2009 to be considered.

Please use application format below:

URI Student Sustainability Initiatives Competition

Spring 2009 Application

Name of Student:

Email address of student:

Phone:

Local Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Is Application for an Individual or a Group Project?

(Designate one student to serve as project contact for group projects and complete above)

Name of Student Group (if applicable):

Estimated number of students participating in project:

Project focus (choose one of the following three categories):

_____ Energy and / or Water Consumption

_____ Waste Reduction and Recycling

_____ Transportation

A. Problem or Opportunity Statement – Briefly describe the nature of the problem or opportunity to be addressed and why it is deemed important:

B. Approach – Describe the methods, strategy, or overall approach that will be used to address the problem or opportunity posed above. If data are to be collected, measures that assure that data is valid and meaningful should be described.

C. Mechanism to Enhance Visibility and Educational Value – Describe how the project or its results will be disseminated broadly throughout the campus community and/or beyond:

D. Budget Outline and Description – List the expected expenditures for the project and also provide a brief description or rationale for these expenditures. Note: funds cannot be used to support travel or wages in any form of payment for individuals involved in the project.

(Use format similar to sample budget with justification below)

SAMPLE ONLY...PLEASE EDIT AS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR PROJECT:

Expenses:	Justification:	Cost:
Photocopying	600 surveys x 2 pages/survey = 1,200 photocopies Photocopy cost/page at URI library: \$0.15 x 600	\$180.00
Poster Supplies	Acid-free Poster Board (20" x 24") 25 sheets @ \$3.80/ea. Markers (5 Boxes @ \$8.00/ea.) Poster Paints/Brushes (5 sets @ \$10.00/ea) 7% RI sales tax for above (\$185 x .07 = \$7.21)	\$ 95.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 12.95
Printing Costs	Printing/Binding/Color Photo Printing for final report and poster presentation	\$ 155.00
Total		\$532.95

If funded, do you and your student group (if applicable) agree(s) to produce and submit a final poster and/or presentation that summarizes the findings or results of the project and describes the impacts, positive or negative, that the project has had or could have university-wide, by Earth Day (April 22, 2009)? Yes or No?

(To receive funding, students applicants must agree to produce posters and/or presentations for inclusion in the 2009 URI Earth Day presentation on April 22, 2009.)

If you have any questions concerning this competition, please contact Dr. Karen Markin at (401)-874-5971.