# **APPLICATION FOR SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS FUND PROPOSALS**

**DUE ON March 5th, 2021. *If you need an extension on this deadline, please reach out to sri@uvm.edu.***

SUBMIT TO: sri@uvm.edu

**Background Information**

The Sustainable Campus Fund supports students’ vision of enhancing a culture of sustainability, innovation, and research on campus. Sustainability solutions can come from many areas of the University. The Sustainable Campus Fund has been created to effectively leverage education and solutions across campus to address the pressing sustainability issues of our time and in particular, their relationship to climate change.

The University of Vermont’s [Sustainable Campus Fund](https://www.uvm.edu/cleanenergyfund) (SCF) was initially established to advance renewable and efficient energy infrastructure on campus and foster clean energy research and academics. A self-imposed student fee of $10 per student per semester replenishes the fund with about $230,000 annually.

The [SRI Advisory Council](https://www.uvm.edu/sriac), a group with representation from across the university, will evaluate proposals for funding.

The SCF is not to be used for professional development for individuals, course work at other institutions, or food or drink for meetings. The SRI Advisory Council also discourages proposals for travel. Neither is the SCF intended to fund faculty research. Specific, highly relevant research proposals may be considered if the connection to the campus is explicit.

Proposers are **strongly encouraged** to reach out to Elizabeth Palchak, the Sustainable Funds Coordinator (sri@uvm.edu) **in advance of submission,** to get feedback on proposals. The SRI Advisory Council is especially interested in proposals with significant impacts – partly measurable by the numbers of students impacted by proposed projects, but also scalability. For instance, can this idea be a model for other universities or support broader community goals? **Please check out the links on the SCF website to gain a stronger understanding of other initiatives on campus; The Active Transportation Plan, The Office of Sustainability website, The Campus Master Plan and the Climate Action Plan are all relevant to the Sustainable Campus Fund. Look for ways to support these broader initiatives!**

**Academics and Co-Curricular Education**

During the fall semester, SRIAC will identify opportunities for funding academic efforts by soliciting ideas and proposals from across campus. Examples of academic and co-curricular education projects include lecture series, guest lecturers and co-curricular education projects. Student clubs have received funding in the past for projects aimed at addressing clean energy issues.

**Infrastructure Projects**

The Sustainable Campus Infrastructure Committee (SCIC) will identify 2-3 infrastructure projects annually that are economically feasible and have the support of planning personnel on campus. Examples of infrastructure projects include building energy dashboards, installation of low flow shower heads, composting systems, and feasibility studies.

**The members of the SRI Advisory Council will be evaluating this proposal based on the criteria below:**

**PROJECT ALIGNMENT WITH CAMPUS FUND GOALS -** Proposal demonstrates strong connections to the Sustainable Campus Fund goal of addressing sustainability challenges that reduce the University’s impact on climate by addressing social equity, ecological health, economic viability, human values and behavior. Examples of projects include efforts to increase renewable energy, invitations to speakers, infrastructure to increase water efficiency, modify transportation habits on campus and surrounding campus, strategies to mitigate waste, green UVM’s purchasing practices and increase sustainable food choices.

**POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT -** Proposal clearly demonstrates the potential for high impact on members of the university community. This can be defined in several ways including student involvement in implementation or as experiential learners in the project. Proposals that demonstrate a clear impact on members of the university community (students in particular) in addition todemonstrating the potential for impact beyond UVM, are especially compelling.

**PROJECT PROPOSAL -** Proposal is well written with all parts clearly explained. Proposal shows creativity and originality. The proposal demonstrates a plan for completing the proposed project. Clear evidence of significance and contribution to the field is provided.

**BUDGET -** Budget is clearly explained and is appropriate for the activities proposed. Cost estimates are realistic and justified.

**TIMELINE & FEASIBILITY -** The timeline is feasible, manageable and appropriate for the proposed project, demonstrating clear understanding of the time frame for proposed activities. Achievable project goals and milestones are outlined. If necessary, protocols/approval/trainings have been secured or in the process of being secured.

# SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS FUND APPLICATION

**If your proposal is selected to move forward, you will be asked to give a 5-minute presentation (with Ppt or other visuals) at the CEF Forum to members of the university community and SRI Advisory Council on March 23rd in an online forum through Microsoft Teams. You will be informed by March 16th if you will be presenting. *Please use this template to submit your application.***

**NAME OF CONTACT:**

**GROUP NAME (if applicable) AND AFFILIATION (undergraduate student, PhD student, faculty, etc.):**

**MAJOR AND COLLEGE (CALS, CAS, CEMS, CESS, CNHS, GSB, HCOL, RSENR):**

**EMAIL:**

**PHONE NUMBER:**

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR PROJECT COMPLETION (this should include several major milestones):**

**BUDGET INFORMATION (round to the nearest dollar)**

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| **Supplies (in categories): consumables, equipment, services, subject payments, etc.** | **Explanation/Justification** | **Amount (nearest dollar)** |
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|  | **TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED** | **$** |

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION (700 word maximum).**

* Introduction and background –explain what your project will be and how it meets the goals of the Sustainable Campus Fund
* Describe what you plan to do during this project and how it relates to your budget request.
* Explain how the work will benefit members of the university community, especially students.
* Explain why it is important.
* The 700 word maximum is intended to give an overview of your project idea. If more than 700 words is critical to your proposal, this guideline is flexible. Email sri@uvm.edu with questions.