President’s Green Grant:  
Empowering the Union College community to make a greener world

Request for Proposals – Due Wednesday, October 23, 2015

Do you have a great idea that would make Union more sustainable? We are pleased to offer another year of Presidential Green Grants to help put your idea into action. We are accepting proposals for projects that fall into one of the following categories:

1) Campus projects: These are projects that will make Union more sustainable in such areas as energy use, recycling, transportation, or dining, among others.

2) Research projects: These are projects that will make specific contributions to sustainability at the regional or national level.

Grant guidelines:

• Funding requests can be up to $2000
• Proposals should be no more than 3 pages, and include specific information detailing rationale, project/research plan, anticipated outcomes including assessment, detailed budget and timeline. Please include the Green Grant Application Form as a Cover Sheet.
• Students, faculty and staff are welcomed to apply. Each new project will be considered, regardless of whether or not the individuals have been funded before; however, preference will be given to individuals or groups who are first-time applicants.
• Campus projects will be funded based on the likely benefit to campus sustainability and the project’s feasibility; research projects will be funded based on the benefit to regional or national sustainability and the project’s feasibility.
• Research projects require an accompanying letter from a faculty member (e.g. thesis or other) confirming the feasibility of the proposed project.
• The duration of project is flexible, though funded projects are not eligible for funding in subsequent years.
• If the project is designed to live beyond the awardee’s time to the plan should include a plan for succession.
• Grants will not be made retroactively (e.g. to reimburse).
• Grant awardees will provide a written report to U Sustain upon completion of the project, and participate in a poster or oral presentation at Steinmetz.
• In order to encourage accountability as well as follow through, progress reports will be expected at least once a term.

Proposals should be emailed as a PDF or Word file to sustain@union.edu 
by Wednesday, October 23, 2015
Examples of projects from past years:

*Campus Projects*
- Enhanced capacity to scan documents and save paper
- Rain garden at 712 Roger Hull Place
- Expanded recycling and composting capacity

*Research Projects*
- Human powered vehicle design and manufacture
- Design and application of nanomaterials in water treatment
- Analysis of atmospheric aerosols and their impact on human health
- Design of novel alternative energy products

Be creative, and make that great idea a reality!!

Questions about eligibility or proposal format can be sent to Prof. Jeff Corbin at corbinj@union.edu
President’s Green Grant Application Form

Contact Name: ________________________________________________

Contact E-mail: ______________________________________________

Proposed Project Title:
__________________________________________________________________________________________

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Project Category (please select one):

1) Campus project   _____
2) Research project  _____

Amount of support requested
(include a detailed budget in the proposal): $___________

Executive summary of proposed project (100 words or fewer):