



The Student Environment Centre

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SEC Fund

Application Form: \$100 to \$500

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Club or Group Affiliation(s): UBC Environmental Policy Association

Amount Requested: \$475

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Notes:

1. Please fill in the fields below to give us an overview of your project:

- **Name of Project:** UBC EPA Environmental Policy Case Competition
- **Objective or Purpose:** This case competition will provide interested students with the opportunity to come up with solutions for environmental issues affecting our planet and communities. This initiative allows like-minded students who are passionate about preserving environmental sustainability to work together and formulate solutions using existing or new public policies. The participants will also get the opportunity to receive feedback on their ideas from experienced professors. This will allow students to enhance their critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills, communication and collaboration.
- **Brief Description:** UBC students from any faculty and with any level of experience will form teams of 3-5 people to solve an environmental problem. The UBC Environmental Policy Association in conjunction with

the UBC Student Energy Club will prepare a case outlining an environmental issue related to clean energy. After the organisers present this issue and parameters to the teams, teams will have one hour to come up with 2-3 policies that will help to solve the case. They will be required to think of policy objectives, how to implement these policies and the implications of the policy. Teams will put together a slideshow presentation which will then be presented to a panel of three judges. These three judges are UBC professors who have experience either in environmental policy, sustainability or engineering. The professors will offer policy and technical expertise. The judges will evaluate the strengths of the presentations and solutions based on a set of criteria prepared beforehand. The top three teams will receive a prize. Throughout the event, light refreshments will be served.

- Project Date(s): November 21, 2023
- Expected Attendance: 30-40

2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and/or contributes to sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words).

This project provides UBC students with the opportunity to consider an environmental problem and come up with practical policy solutions to combat the issue. Students will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of policies that exist in other places to this case. For those who do not have much existing knowledge of environmental public policy, this will be an opportunity to learn about some existing policies and how they can be implemented in real life. Hopefully, this will inspire participants to approach other environmental issues that come up in the news or that they experience in their lives with an analytical mindset. We hope that this case competition gives our participants some low-stakes yet valuable experience with environmental policy making or policy implementation.

Clean energy is an important topic that relates to how UBC and the rest of the world can move forward amidst the climate crisis. Focusing the case on clean energy will promote discussion about solutions and policies that will increase environmental sustainability. Encouraging discussion and learning about this topic is key to increasing forward thinking and sustainability practices at UBC.

3. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what are those sources, how much are you expecting to receive from them, and what will those funds be put toward? We can help you identify other sources of funding.

We are not currently pursuing any other sources of funding.

4. **What aspect(s) of your project will SEC funding be used for? Be as specific as possible with the allocation of funds.**

Our proposed allocation of funds:

| Category | Expense |
|---|------------------|
| Refreshments | \$ 50.00 |
| Prize for 1st place - 5 climbing passes for the Hive Vancouver (\$40/pp) | \$ 200.00 |
| Prize for 2nd place - Tote bag, reusable tumbler, handmade soap (\$17/pp) | \$ 85.00 |
| Prize for 3rd place - Tea gift set (\$10/pp) | \$ 50.00 |
| Gift baskets for professors (3x\$30) | \$ 90.00 |
| Total | \$ 475.00 |

The refreshments will contribute to the enjoyment of the event. We will aim to minimise single-use packaging waste wherever possible, provide compostable cutlery, and encourage participants to bring their own mugs and water bottles. The prizes will be an incentive for participants to do well and to reward the top three teams for coming up with well-formulated solutions. The gift baskets are to show appreciation for the professors' time spent judging and providing feedback to event participants. We believe that the professors' support is invaluable and will enable participants to expand their knowledge about effective environmental policy.

Signed (Your Name): Faith Young

SEC Treasurer

Name:

Signature:

SEC Chair

Name:

Signature:

How to Submit the Funding Application:

Completed forms can be emailed to sec.ubc@gmail.com (preferred) or dropped off at our office, Room 2106 or in the AMS Student Nest. You are also welcome (but not required) to attend our weekly meetings to present your project idea to our group. However, we would appreciate an email informing us of this intent at least 48 hours in advance. The executive team and other active members of SEC would be happy to help you formulate your project as well as assist with its development and applications for funding.

If your funding application is approved, the SEC will reimburse you for the specified purchases and expenses. You must provide our Treasurer with receipts and/or proof-of-purchases. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days and can be picked up from the AMS offices on the 3rd floor of the AMS Student Nest. Please bring a valid ID when you go to collect the reimbursement. In the event that a student is unable to make the necessary purchase(s) to start their project, arrangements for advance funding can be made.

A Note About The SEC Fund:

SEC Funding can be used to fund a wide variety of projects. Any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, funding requests for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body, and we are unable to fund honorariums. Should you have any questions regarding the SEC Funding and what could be funded, please feel free to get in touch with us using any of the aforementioned methods.