

# **GESA Eco-Grant**

The Eco-Grant is an award funded through the fundraising efforts of the University of Winnipeg Geography and Environmental Students Association (GESA).

## **Mission and Description of the Eco-Grant**

The goal of the Eco-Grant is to encourage the development of sustainable initiatives by students either on or off campus, and to support environmental stewardship within the University of Winnipeg community. It can be applied for by anyone with some affiliation to the university (i.e., Students, Faculty, Alumni, etc.). The Eco-Grant is available to fund a wide range of potential opportunities that fall under three main categories:

1. Initiatives that will promote sustainability on campus. Past projects have included rooftop gardens, plastic bag recycling, campus beehives and more.
2. Student research opportunities. This can include any type of research in either the physical or social sciences that will in some way promote environmental sustainability. Grant money could be used to cover an array of potential research costs such as student salary, equipment/supply purchases, etc.
3. Student or graduate travel to relevant conferences or other professional development events that will equip the applicant to make subsequent contributions to environmental sustainability.

## **Objectives of the Eco-Grant**

To fund projects, research and / or travel that will:

- Positively impact sustainability, local environmental efforts, and / or environmental stewardship on the University of Winnipeg campus and broader community.
- Empower campus members to engage in sustainable initiatives on campus and in their personal lives.
- Enable individuals to take initiative with their ideas by funding them to do so.

## **Grant Information**

- Up to \$2500 will be granted towards funding the selected project(s) to fund estimated costs.
- A selection committee composed of GESA members will choose the recipient/recipients.
- Finalists will be required to attend an interview with the Eco-Grant committee.
- The Eco-Grant committee reserves the right to impose conditions and restrictions by their discretion on a case-by-case basis.
- Campus based and student projects will receive priority.

# Eco-Grant Sustainability Project Application

Application deadline is **February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** Completed applications should be emailed to [gesastudents@gmail.com](mailto:gesastudents@gmail.com)

## Part 1: Applicant Information

First Name:

Last name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

*If applicable*

Student Number:

Year of Study:

Degree Type Major:

*If there are multiple group members, please include information for them and indicate who is the project lead.*

## Part 2: Relevant Experience

Please provide a resume for all group members involved with the project. Attach a list of relevant projects, courses, experience, awards and grants any group members have, if not included on the resumes.

## Part 3: Project Proposals

Include a one-page proposal about your project that includes:

- A description of the project.
- An explanation of the benefits created by the project and who its users would be.
- Justification as to how this project promotes environmental sustainability at the University or in the community and how it fulfills the mission and objectives of the Eco-Grant.

## Part 4: Estimated Costs and Timeline

Include a summary of the following:

- What the grant money will pay for.
- How much each project component will cost, supported with receipts or quotes.
- Total estimated cost of the project.
- Any other funding sources you have obtained or applied for.

- Indication of when each part of the project will take place.

**Part 5: Applicant (Project Leader) Signature**

Your signature below indicates that the information you have provided to the Eco- Grant committee is accurate.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

Completed copies of the application may be sent to [gestudents@gmail.com](mailto:gestudents@gmail.com) in electronic format by  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022