**Pac-12 Sustainability Conference Student Registration Funding**

**Letter of Intent**

With this proposal we request approximately $490 to fund 10 undergraduate students from the University of Washington’s ENVIR 480: Sustainability Studio class to attend the Pac-12 Sustainability Conference hosted at the University of Washington from June 25-26, 2019. Providing students with the opportunity to attend this conference would allow them to share what they’ve learned and researched throughout the quarter related to sustainability in athletics, as well as learning from the many guests and speakers attending the conference. This is an extremely feasible proposal directly related to engaging students and increasing sustainability on the UW campus.

Sustainability Studio is an upper-level elective offered through the College of the Environment’s Program on the Environment. Sustainability Studio is an experiential learning course where students work in groups of 3-5 on different projects with clients from the UW and Seattle community to improve sustainability around the topic of the quarter. The topic of Sustainability Studio changes every quarter to allow for dynamic learning that addresses sustainability across a broad spectrum of issues. This quarter the topic of Sustainability Studio is "Sustainability in Pac-12 Athletics" in anticipation of the Pac-12 Sustainability Conference. Clients for this quarter’s student projects include UW Athletics, UW Recycling, UW Transportation, and [Meal Matchup](https://www.mealmatchup.org/).

This proposal meets all of the outlined requirements and preferences of the Campus Sustainability Fund. The sustainable impact of this project is primarily social by enabling students to attend the conference, though the research students are completing prior to and in anticipation of the conference are directly related to environmental sustainability. By funding student attendance at this conference, we increase equity so that all students, regardless of ability to pay for the conference, have equal access to this learning opportunity. If funded, students may have the opportunity to present the findings from their research this quarter at the conference, providing students with leadership opportunities to share and educate conference attendees on topics such as reducing waste contamination, food recovery, event transportation, and integrating sustainability into capital projects. This proposal is supported by the leadership and faculty of the UW’s Program on the Environment.

**Timeline**

* **May:** Determine which Spring quarter Sustainability Studio students are available and interested in attending the conference
* **June 25-26:** Students attend Pac-12 Sustainability Conference

**Budget**

The cost for one UW student to attend the Pac-12 Sustainability Conference is $49. If fully funded at $490, this proposal would provide 10 students with the opportunity to attend the

conference. For full details, please see the attached budget spreadsheet.