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**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE**

**OPENS PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS FOR GREEN SEED FUND GRANT**

SEATTLE, WA – The University of Washington Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Office is pleased to announce that we are accepting proposals for 2014-2015 Green Seed Fund Grants effective October 22, 2014: [green.uw.edu/gsf/](https://green.uw.edu/gsf/) Submissions must be entered online, and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2014.

The Green Seed Fund aims to promote and fund research projects that advance sustainable research while contributing to the University’s sustainability goals through greenhouse gas emission reduction. The Green Seed Fund was launched in 2013. In the fund’s first year, 15 proposals totaling nearly a million dollars were submitted, and from that pool, five proposals were selected and awarded nearly $279,000 in funding. A similar amount of funding is available for 2014-2015 projects.

**2014-2015 Green Seed Fund Proposals**

Information required for proposals is detailed on the website. For more information about the Green Seed Fund, visit <http://green.uw.edu/green-seed-proposals>.

**2013-2014 Green Seed Fund Projects**

Summaries of the research projects awarded last year are below. Details on these projects can be found at: <http://green.uw.edu/gsf/2014-projects>

* Building User Audit: Capturing Behavior Energy, and Culture: This group aims to create an audit tool that will record how building occupants use a building’s resources and consume energy.
* Engaging Laboratories in the UW’s DEOHS to Establish a Model for Environmental Sustainability: This research project focuses on Green Lab certification scores for UW labs, and strives to come up with new strategies that will improve these scores.
* Grounds Utility Vehicle Carbon Footprint Comparison: Working closely with UW’s Botanic Garden’s Washington Park Arboretum, this team purchased an electric and a biodiesel utility vehicle for the staff to use. After monitoring both vehicles for a year, the team hopes to determine which type of vehicle is the best replacement for the current diesel model.
* Indoor Environmental Quality Assessment: This group is monitoring the indoor environment in the Husky Union Building (HUB), and aims to discover whether this LEED-certified building is meeting certain sustainability standards.
* Measured Benefits: Monitoring the Impacts of the UW Green Wall and Water Harvesting System: While green walls are known to reduce temperature fluctuation in buildings, this project seeks to monitor the green walls on Gould Hall and record the exact benefits that this green structure provides.

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