



Student Sustainability Committee Funding Award Letter



December 4th, 2023

Project: Agrivoltaics at the Energy Farm

Tim Mies,

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) is pleased to inform you that your project has received approval from the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE), and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

The Student Sustainability Committee is proud to award **\$71,500.00** in grant funding for **Agrivoltaics at the Energy Farm.**

In order to remain eligible for this award, you agree to the following conditions:

1. The project must be completed within two years of the funding awarded. A final report of all work completed, a full list of expenditures, and a detailed sustainability impact report must be provided to the SSC Advisor by **December 3rd, 2025**, or project completion.
2. Project status updates, and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. The Primary Applicant will be the individual responsible for all official communication and the execution of this agreement.
4. The Project Unit Financial Contact must submit the prescribed FPI form for the assignment of a Chart, Fund, Organization, and Program code (CFOP) within four weeks of receipt of this letter. The CFOP established for this award shall strictly be used for the awarded funds of this proposal.
5. Any substantial modifications to the project must be submitted within a scope change form, including alterations to the budget, timeline, project lead, and project direction. A majority vote of the SSC must approve scope changes.
6. All projects are expected to follow university policies and procedures as well as any applicable local, state, and federal laws.
7. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
8. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project must acknowledge SSC funding.
9. Any marketing, including but not limited to advertising, signs, and digital ads, involving the project or events surrounding this project must include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project. Projects must coordinate with SSC to ensure promotion appropriately highlights the SSC's contributions to the project.

Project: Agrivoltaics at the Energy Farm

Funding Source: CETF (302571)

Funding Requested: \$71,500.00

Funding Allocated: \$71,500.00

Primary Unit of the Project: Crop Sciences

Unit Financial Contact: Phiavanh Sengsavanh

Project Description:

Agrivoltaics is a growing research area as national solar farm growth continues to compete with agricultural lands used for food production. The Energy Farm was able to acquire 60 solar panels (surplus from a completed campus research project) and solar frames and identify research funds to assemble the structure. Undergraduate and graduate students were able to actively assist in the construction and installation of these panels in May 2023.

Since the funding of this project, the balance of the electrical work will be completed to allow the solar panels to once again feed electricity into the campus grid.

Project Category:

Energy

This proposal directly funds:

1. Contractor Electrical
2. Metering, Inspection
3. Construction, Tech Services
4. Startup Support
5. High Voltage Shop tie-in

Funding Approval

Student Sustainability Committee, Chairperson

Claire Keating

Name

Claire Keating

Signature

12/07/2023

Date

Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment, Director

Jennifer Fraterrigo

Name

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Signature

12/06/2023

Date

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Danita Brown Young

Name

Danita Brown Young

Signature

12/06/2023

Date

Funding Acknowledgement

By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions for this award. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Student Sustainability Committee Advisor at ssc-advisor@illinois.edu.

Award Recipient

Timothy Mies

Name

Tim Mies

Signature

12/08/2023

Date

Project Advisor Signature (Student-Led Projects Only)

Name

Signature

Date










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