**UC DAVIS**

**The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) Committee**

**Internship Option**

Commitment: ~2-8 hours/week

Academic Year

**ABOUT Grantsmanship**

Interested in a sustainability-related career at a federal/state agency or private foundation?

When scientists, engineers, and social scientists need money to support their work, increasingly, they must learn to develop, write, and evaluate grants. Students often have little opportunity to do this while enrolled – yet those who graduate with grantsmanship experience will be better positioned for careers as Program Officers or Analysts at state agencies, in private consulting firms, at federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes for Health (NIH), and at private foundations such as Moore, Hewlett, and 11th Hour/Schmidt. They will also be better positioned for graduate school and for future grant-intensive research careers.

**ABOUT TGIF**

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF), a campus program in the Office of Sustainability, offers students the opportunity, while still undergraduates, to gain valuable experience in grantsmanship by helping to develop fundable projects on campus. Established with student fees, the Green Initiative Fund awards between $20,000-$250,000 per academic year, to projects that reduce greenhouse gases, promote alternative energy, limit waste, and encourage healthier, more planet-friendly lifestyles. TGIF’s Advisory Committee has awarded its first mini-grants for projects that range from tracking the campus’ nitrogen footprint to solar heating the Domes’ yurt and floating rafts to improve water quality. Fellow UC’s have funded projects to grow food in urban spaces, increase diversity in greenhouses, and build Solar Chill, an off-grid student gathering space created by Engineers for a Sustainable World.

**APPLY TO THE COMMITTEE**

Proposals are developed, analyzed, and awarded funds by a Committee that *includes five undergraduates as voting members*. The Committee also includes staff from the Office of Sustainability and faculty. Interested students may come from any major and are currently asked to work for an academic year. In addition to developing and evaluating proposals, they may – depending on their interests – assist with project management, participate in outreach, help design and maintain websites and social media, coordinate events, and interact with other university campuses. The Chair and Vice Chair receive a small stipend; others can enroll (as an option) for Internship credit.

**Application**

If you are interested in TGIF’s grantsmanship Committee (with internship option), please answer the questions below (limit: 250 words *total*). *Save as a PDF*, then e-mail, along with *your current resume* to TGIF@ucdavis.edu. The deadline is rolling, with Committee seats filled as available. Students who apply by **Monday, May 21, 2018, will be assured of consideration this spring.**

**Name:**

**E-mail:**

**Phone:**

**Year at UC Davis / Expected Graduation Date:**

**Major:**

**Areas of TGIF Interest (check boxes below):**

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| **Environmental Grantsmanship** | **Outreach/Environmental Education**  |
| **Project Management /** **Event Coordination** | **Media/Writing/Photography** |
| **Administration/Budget/Business** | **Other (please suggest)** |

1. Why are you interested in this advisory Committee? What do you want to learn or hope to gain?

2. What prior experience do you have, if any, with environmental projects? Be specific.

3. Although all majors are welcome, please list any classes you have taken related to sustainability. Indicate any projects you completed that especially interested you.

4. Describe other classes or interests you’ve pursued that are potentially useful to work with TGIF. Be specific.

5. Give an example of prior successful teamwork experience you’ve been part of. Be specific.

6. How would you be an asset as a Committee member? What strengths will you bring to the TGIF team?

**QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions, please contact:

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