

## BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name: Husky Sustainability Fund

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Department Head Approval:

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Requested Amount: **\$33,580**

## Departmental Information

### SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - CRITERIA

Due to the significant cut in budget from the original SAFC request for the Husky Sustainability Fund in June 2022, we are requesting funding to get back to our original operating budget. The current fund budget limits students to mostly smaller impact projects and events. Initiatives or projects that are large-scale cannot currently be supported by the fund but will be essential for the future of sustainability on the UWT campus. Increasing the fund amount would allow for greater student involvement, outreach, and impact. In addition, we are requesting additional funds to cover the increase in the minimum wage of \$1.25 occurring in January 2023.

### STUDENT UTILIZATION

Students are the primary audience for Husky Sustainability Fund promotion and use. The application process requires a group/individual to outline a detailed outreach plan that promotes inclusive, equitable, and diverse participation across the UWT campus population. Student involvement and participation are requirements of successful HSF initiatives, and long-term benefits to students are at the forefront of the UWT sustainability vision.

The wage increase will go directly to two student workers on the Husky Sustainability Fund team who have been essential for program creation and implementation. The success of the Husky Sustainability Fund relies heavily on the work these students do to form collaborations and partnerships. The two Husky Sustainability Fund student workers bring important perspectives to programming and serve as a consistent voice for UWT students.

### SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

The Husky Sustainability Fund (HSF) supports student-led or heavily student-focused projects and events on or around the UWT campus. To ensure this vision, all funds allocated through HSF must directly involve students and have a noticeable impact on the wider UWT student body. Our team is actively working to collaborate with student groups across campus including ASUWT, IEEE Student Branch, Student Social Work Organization, and SAB. During the fall quarter, HSF has worked to engage and educate students about sustainability and the Husky Sustainability Fund through tabling, presentations, and social media. In addition, HSF has tabled at all orientations and involvement fairs to share about existing and future sustainability projects with students. We are already receiving requests that will use a significant portion of the current fund. With this increase, larger initiatives would not only be possible but would further the UW Tacoma Sustainability Plan goals and expand the reach of current sustainable initiatives on campus.

### SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

As a new program on campus, the HSF team has focused on building a base for student involvement in sustainability. Over the summer, our team wrote and published a Husky Sustainability Fund application, eligibility requirements, and official website pages focusing on campus and community resources and wrote and implemented the UWT Sustainability Pledge. During orientation and the Involvement Fair, we had 143 students take the sustainability pledge that asked the individual to pledge to incorporate sustainable actions into their daily lives. Using this pledge, we were able to interact with students one on one and introduce sustainability as an integral part of their college experience.

To start the academic year and directly interact with students, we co-hosted two student-focused events during October. In partnership with the Giving Garden, we hosted an Alice in Wonderland tea party to encourage students to visit the garden, learn about volunteer opportunities, and play games. Then, partnering with UWT Facilities on Halloween, we had 40 students participate in a scavenger hunt that took them to ten sustainability projects around campus to defeat a "consumption" monster. Both events gave students an opportunity to connect with UWT sustainability initiatives. In addition to our work with campus groups, we partnered with Razor scooter and the City of Tacoma to bring electric scooters closer to campus. This project increases micro-mobility options around campus and allows students living on or near campus to access resources/ locations beyond downtown Tacoma.

Our team is always expanding our list of collaborators to build a positive and reliable reputation on campus. The current proposed HSF projects include a campus wide mental health survey, a reproductive health product vending machine, an expansion of menstrual products on campus, cooking utensil kits for students through the Pantry, and a solar panel array installation on TPS. Our team is dedicated to spreading awareness and information about sustainability through classroom presentations, active involvement in the UW Tacoma Sustainability Committee, RSO presentations, and future implementation of grant writing into academic classes. Although our program is new to campus, we are already seeing how essential the fund will be to support student passion and discovery. In our everyday work, we can see the direct impacts the HSF programs have made on individual students. We believe, through our continued work, we can positively influence the future UWT campus culture.

## Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Student Staff <sup>3</sup>	Minimum wage increase for student workers. E001	
	Student Staff Wages:	\$1,300
	Fringe @ 21.5%:	\$280
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		\$1,580

## Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	Promotional items, giveaways, advertisement/marketing supplies and services. S001	\$1,000
Aid, Grants & Subsidies Given	Husky Sustainability Fund money for disbursement for proposed projects through the Husky Sustainability Fund Committee. S002	\$31,000
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		\$32,000

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<b>COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$33,580</b>

## Supplemental Documents

