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**UC LOS ANGELES INNOVATION CREDIT LETTER**

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the UC Los Angeles Director of the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, it is my pleasure to offer my affirmation of the following STARS Innovation Credits submitted by UC Los Angeles as part of the campus STARS submittal. This letter confirms that the Leaders in Sustainability Graduate Certificate Program (LiS) and Action Research Teams of the Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP) at the University of California, Los Angeles both meet the criteria for AASHE's STARS Reporting Framework for Innovation credits.

The Leaders in Sustainability Graduate Certificate Program creates opportunities for students from any discipline to collaborate and pursue their interests together in sustainability. Providing a combination of core classes in sustainability and leadership, related electives, and community projects, LiS provides students with an interdisciplinary foundation that can be leveraged in their respective studies and careers. In addition, the program is open to all graduate students at UCLA and is offered at no additional cost to the students. For its work, LiS was recently awarded the 2010 Dr. Alfred and Lynn Manos Page Prize for Sustainability Issues in Business Curricula, which encourages efforts to expose business students to state-of-the-art environmental sustainability knowledge.

Through the Action Research Teams of ESLP, students are given a hands-on opportunity to research and address issues of campus sustainability such as energy efficiency, sustainable food practices, waste, and many more. The program's resources along with the partnership between the students and their stakeholders (UCLA Faculty or Staff) provide the students with invaluable resources to really take action and exhibit to their peers results in sustainability projects on campus. To date, over 170 students from 30 different departments have created an impact in food systems and dining hall waste, campus waste and recycling system, mapping trees on campus, residence hall energy metering, drought-tolerant landscaping, and many more projects.

If additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me or J. Cully Nordby, Academic Director - Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, who is listed as the responsible party for this credit.

Sincerely,

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