

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability  
in Higher Education (AASHE)  
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Dear AASHE STARS Program Staff,

I am writing to affirm the University of Northern British Columbia's (UNBC) qualification for an innovation credit for the Green Fund Program. The UNBC Green Fund provides seed grants for creative projects designed to create a more sustainable campus. The fund was created in 2009 by an innovative and bold shift – increasing on campus parking rates. Parking revenues now provide a total of \$50,000 per academic year to fund sustainability projects developed by the UNBC campus community.

Green project proposals are accepted by the Green University Planning Committee (GUPC), a multi-stakeholder committee of senior administration, staff, faculty, students and campus groups that was established in 2007 by the President. Projects are evaluated based on their alignment with UNBC's sustainability strategy and priorities identified by the UNBC campus community as well as their innovative nature.

To date the program has supported a range of diverse projects including:

- UNBC Compost Program Expansion
- Sustainable Residence Community Project
- Thirsty Moose Pub LED Lighting Retrofit
- Greening Nursing Labs Project
- Wind Energy Feasibility Study

Through the establishment of the Green Fund, UNBC has demonstrated a commitment to supporting leadership and interdisciplinary projects – two critical aspects of creating a more sustainable campus and future. We are excited about future opportunities to work collaboratively with our students, staff and faculty on Green Fund projects.

Further information about the Green Fund program can be found online at:  
<http://www.unbc.ca/green/fund.html>.

Sincerely,

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