



HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

Call for Proposals: Roddenberry Sustainability Grant Student Summer Travel Funding

The College received a grant from the Roddenberry Foundation, a private organization that seeks to support early-stage, unconventional ideas that have the potential for disruptive change. This grant includes funding for competitive summer grants that will enable students to explore previously unforeseen cultural, social, and technical barriers, and develop culturally appropriate methods of implementing solutions to intractable problems around the world. Ideally, students will pilot test actionable ideas for solving problems that are compounded by climate change.

Ten grants of approximately \$3,000 will be awarded to students whose proposals engage multiple cultural perspectives while solving current world problems at the intersection of *sustainability, resilience, and social justice*. Projects can range across a wide array of subjects including, but not limited to: education, architecture and design, cultural studies, philosophy, activism, and the natural sciences. In addition, in true Hampshire spirit, the proposed projects should be actionable ideas that allow students to put theory into practice. The best ideas will allow students implement an actionable idea and learn how the idea works well and how it does not. Preference will be given to projects that occur in contexts outside the proposing student's background (e.g., city vs. rural, U.S. vs. international, Western vs. non-Western).

Guiding Questions:

- Where are you going? Why are you going there? What will you do there?
- How does your project engage multiple cultural perspectives?
- What environmental sustainability-related problem does your project address?
- How is your project unconventional?
- How does this project relate to/further your divisional work?
- How does your project push you to reach beyond your comfort zones and push you to explore different cultural contexts?
- How does your project align with the goals of the Roddenberry Foundation? (for more information on the Roddenberry Foundation, visit: <u>http://roddenberryfoundation.org/</u>)

Application Requirements:

Applications should demonstrate your existing or developing expertise in the subject area of your project. In addition to a 2-3-page proposal where you address the above questions, applications should include:

- A properly formatted works cited page (+4 sources)
- A detailed project budget (include this a table at the end of your proposal)
- A letter from your chairperson indicating you have met with them and that they have reviewed your proposal and budget. The letter should state that they believe this project is a well thought out learning opportunity, and you are prepared to carry out this project.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please email your questions to Joe Anderson, Environmental Sustainability Alumni Fellow at <u>janderson@hampshire.edu</u>.

Submitting Proposals:

Proposals should be submitted no later than **March 31**st. Email proposals with the Subject: <u>Roddenberry Summer Travel</u> <u>Proposal</u> to Joe Anderson at <u>janderson@hampshire.edu</u>. Please attach your proposal, and the letter from your chairperson in one PDF.