

Green Value Strategies in Development Applied Research Endowment

Scope and Criteria for Applied Research Proposals:

The purpose of this endowment is to support applied research to advance the state of practice in sustainable development: concerned with the natural environment, the built environment and the relationship between them. Funds can be used to initiate, leverage or augment a research project. There is no pre-determined limit to the amount of funding that can be awarded per project. Total funding available reflects the interest earned by the endowment in a given calendar year plus unused interest from previous years. The merit of each proposal will be assessed by the fund advisory committee comprising: a representative designated by the Real Estate Foundation of BC, a representative designated by BC Housing, SOCE Dean (Committee Chair); SOCE Associate Deans, SOCE Director Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship. Proposals are assessed based on the following criteria.

1. Proposals must be advanced and led by employees within the School of Construction and the Environment. Interdisciplinary research led by an SOCE faculty/researcher is also encouraged.
2. Projects eligible for funding are to be BC-based applied research that links to SOCE educational programming in order to advance the state of practice.
3. Projects should promote green value in development and "will include" but are not limited to a range of criteria including:
 - i) educating environmental stewardship practitioners;
 - ii) influencing stake holders through applied research, partnerships, and demonstrations;
 - iii) creating community models to generate dialogue, innovation, collaboration and technology transfer;
 - iv) sharing insights about greening the development industry - where economic efficiency and green development/land use decisions intersect;
 - v) influencing standards of practice and public policy (e.g. pertaining to: green roofs, ecological restoration, energy systems applications, GIS/Geomatics, climate change, civil engineering, sustainable infrastructure management).
4. Projects should further promote green value in development by responding to one of the themes articulated in the School of Construction and the Environment's Sustainability Framework (www.bcit.ca/construction/sustainability) to:

• Protect and strengthen assets	• Reduce waste and eliminate toxics
• Balance use and renewal of resources	• Ensure safety and access to services
• Account for all costs and benefits	• Support opportunities for improvement and enjoyment