

QUSA Proposals - Environmental Considerations and Procedures

Description of procedure:

QUSA's values, as stated under our mission statement, prioritize political, social, and environmental justice. These values have been expressed to guide QUSA activity with integrity. As such, this document will guide you in your environmental considerations, as well as procedure mandated by QUSA to reduce the environmental footprint of your proposal. For your proposal to be supported by QUSA, it is important that it strives to align these values.

How to use this template:

The following are a series of prompts that you must answer to the best of your ability. The writing in red is an example of the kind of response we are looking for. You should delete the red writing and replace it with your own, or format it black if it fits your scenario, so that there is no red writing in your submission.

The aim of these questions is for you to consider environmental impacts in a way you might not have, and reduce your initiative's environmental impact. Please note that we are *not* asking you to compromise the integrity of your initiative, and you are only expected to consider what intervention is appropriate for your proposal. If you would like to reduce your initiative's environmental impact, but you don't know how, please contact Nich Godri, Director of the Environment (nicholas.godri@questu.ca).

SECTION 1 - WASTE

Please consider and comment on the waste produced by your proposal. How will you mitigate the waste produced and ensure its proper disposal?

Event/project example:

My initiative will print 20 posters. I this is half as many pirinted last year, and we are doing more online advertising. I will take down and recycle all the posters after the initiative.

My initiative requires a piece of equipment for a one time occasion. We will be borrowing that piece of equipment from another student to eliminate the need to buy it new. (Some potential resources: Quest's Lending/Borrowing facebook page, the Squamish Online Buy & Sell Facebook Page)

Event example:

My event will be serving food and beverages. I will include in my advertising that folks should bring their own vessels and cutlery. There will also be adequate bins for the remainder of the waste to be sorted and disposed properly.

I have been in communication with the custodial team to make sure we have a waste station present at the event.

Project example:

My project involves the use of hard to recycle materials to create art (eg. fabric). Instead of buying all materials new, I will upcycle used materials sourced from places like the re-use-it center.

SECTION 2 - ENERGY

Please comment and consider how energy will be used at your event or by your initiative. How will you reduce the energy consumed?

Event examples:

My event is going to require electricity for all the sound and lighting equipment. We could consider using fewer speakers and LED lights instead of incandescent lights for ambiance.

Our event is happening off campus. We intend on creating a carpool sheet to reduce the number of vehicles traveling to and from the event. Alternatively, we will be organizing a shuttle.

Our event brings participants/speakers from far away. We are going to look for local speakers, and we will try to facilitate ride-sharing for off-campus participants.

Project:

