



UTERN

UTERN 2019-2020 Activities Report

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Projects Funded

Number of Projects Funded: 15 (6 partial funding) (denied applications = 5)

- Breakdown by Campus: UTSC (0), UTM (1), UTSTG (14)
- Breakdown by Constituency: Graduate (4), Undergraduate (10), Both (1)

Examples of Projects: panel discussions, speaker series, policy workshops, conferences, sustainable fashion shows, DIY workshops, case competitions, film screenings etc..

Amount Funded: \$13,685

Feedback - Impact of UTERN funding

“The UTERN funding was crucial in allowing the Speaker Series to take place. Without it, we would not have been able to book rooms or provide refreshments for the speakers and attendees”

“this made a huge impact on our event! we were only able to obtain \$600 in funding from outside organizations, so this made a difference to the quality of event we were able to offer to students. thank you!”

“Since SMG was taken off campus, UTERN helped in funding the added cost of holding the event in Toronto. The funding also helped with cash prizes given to the top 3 teams, delegate and judge bags. Overall, UTERN helped SMG cover various expenses that are required for making a case competition successful.”

“Funding was used to rent A/V equipment and pay an onsite technician; without this the event wouldn't have been possible”

UTSG - Environmental Working Groups

- Monthly meetings (September to November, January to March): total of 6
- Number of attendees: 9-20
- Main ideas & results: [group calendar](#), #uoftewg, [FB group](#) to share events
- Fostered collaborations such as Sustainability Market & Ecospirit Art Show

Link to all minutes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dJHz14TyThtM2Rs2pZ3pJA6V78CLi6_NpUv2TmwiA6o/edit?usp=sharing



Events - UTERN Environmental Pub Night

Location : Firkin on Bay

Date and time: Nov 14, 7:00pm -11:00pm

Engagement and purpose: To provide a networking opportunity for environmental groups on campus, and individuals interested in sustainability. We estimate that 20 -25 individuals participated throughout the night. It allowed UTERN to engage with our network members in an environment outside of campus.

Sustainability Campaign

The purpose of the campaign is to help reduce plastic waste by selling reusable straws and cutlery sets. We held two campaigns per semester.

Total of 30 cutlery sets and 34 stainless steel straws sold

Campaign was a success, we partnered with ENSU and Regenesiis to present a sustainability market where we sold fresh produce, reusable cutlery and offered a variety of activities including the elaboration of cutlery pouches and beeswax wraps.



Outreach & UTERN Promo Materials



New promotional materials have been designed and distributed at events.



Notable External Engagement & Partnerships

- Elesh event
- Partnership with caffields: Quilt committee and social media test run
- Future events (SMG event in late March)
- Environmental Roundtable with David Suzuki
- Podcast
- Wrote a Sustainability Article for the UTSU newsletter
- Ecofest

Special Projects - Quilt Committee

Dates that the Quilt committee met: 3-4 times each month from November 2019 to March 2020

Rationale for the Quilt project: The Quilt project has been an opportunity for UTERN to connect with constituents through regular public events in a low- pressure environment and bridge the work being done between the three campuses. The resulting quilt will be a symbol of unity between the environmental communities between campuses as it will travel between them as it has been doing during its construction.

Updates on the Quilt project: The quilt has been a medium for over a dozen public sessions intended to engage with the community and was showcased as a work in progress at the Eco-Spirituality Art

Other Notable Events & Updates

- Due to UTM and UTSU split, UTERN now has an official Memorandum of Agreement with the UTMSU
- Office Space
 - Fridge
 - Moving to Student Commons