

Below you will find three **shortened** examples of project proposals. These examples are intended to give a sense of what information to include and style to use.

Example University Garden Project:

My name is John Doe and I am a sophomore at Example University in Generic Town, USA.

At my school, there has been a large and largely unsuccessful history of garden projects on campus. For my project, I am hoping to organize with students and faculty on campus to finally get a successful and sustainable student garden.

The last garden made it for a couple of years, but suffered when the students left during the summer during the peak growing season, as the space would become very overgrown. This issue came to a head when, last year, the university tore down a building on campus and placed the rubble on top of the student garden, destroying the project.

Many of the students involved with the garden were quite upset with what happened. Over the last semester, I along with some of those students have begun the process of meeting with school administrators and other students to get a new garden.

I am applying for a Rachel Carson Council Fellowship so that I can continue organize for a new garden on campus and advocate for sustainable and equitable access to food. For the new garden project, we are hoping to connect students to the garden not only to have a venue to work outside but so that they can also begin to connect to other issues such as food security and environmental justice.

Over the course of the year, I am going to continue to organize with students and faculty to get a new permanent garden space on campus. It is my hope that this fellowship opportunity can help me develop some of those skills. Furthermore, our new club would like to present opportunities for students to engage more with sustainable agriculture, and we are hoping to organize some events such as a tour at a local organic farm.

Example Divestment Campaign Project

Over the course of the last year, I with other student organizers have begun a campaign on campus to pressure my University into divesting from fossil fuels. As a coastal community, we have been heavily impacted by climate change through the large scale hurricanes of the past decade.

Divestment campaigns have often been a tool for social change, starting with resistance to apartheid in South Africa. Today, student activists across the country have pressured universities to divest from the fossil fuel industry in an effort to combat Climate Change.

Last year, I with other student members of our campus environmental club began a campaign to encourage our school to divest. While we were able to get a meeting with our board of trustees, they ultimately dodged the issue of divestment while stating that it would be too costly and ineffective. As such, over the course of next year, I along with other student organizers wish to continue our campaign and garner more support to pressure our board of trustees.

As a Rachel Carson Council Fellow, it is my hope that I could spend more time organizing students in support of our campaign. Specifically, in the coming semester, I am hopeful to engage students and faculty into a petition demanding divestment to be presented to our Board while working with administration to take meaningful steps to make campus more sustainable.

Example Pipeline Resistance Project

My name is John Doe and I am a sophomore at Example University in Generic Town, USA. I am applying for the Rachel Carson Council fellowship as there has been a natural gas pipeline proposed to go through my community which I have been working with other students and organizers to resist.

In Southwest Virginia, where my school is located, there is a natural gas pipeline slated to be constructed and go through many communities in my area. Last semester, my school hosted a panel of individuals discussing the pipeline, which is where I learned about it and realized how destructive it could be for my campus and the communities surrounding it.

At my school, I am the president of our student environmental activist group called the Example Environmental Group. With the fellowship program, I would hope to gain some more skills on how I could get other students involved and interested in the pipeline.

Over the course of next year, it is my hope to take a group of students to tour locations impacted by the pipeline and meet with affected community members. There is also an important public comment period approaching for the pipeline and I would like to organize with my students to get others to make submissions opposing the project.

These pipelines will do nothing to benefit Virginia, yet they will be incredibly harmful to many families in our rural communities as well as worsening our climate crisis. I would appreciate any opportunity to further my work in keeping these pipelines out of my community.