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PLU WANG CENTER/EARTH DEEDS “ONSETTING” GRANTS CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2019

Affirming PLU’s commitment to sustainability, the Wang Center for Global Education has partnered with the environmental organization [Earth Deeds](#) to educate students participating in study away programs on the negative impact of air travel carbon emissions and on ways to reduce this impact on the environment.

In addition to calculating the carbon impact of their air travel, each PLU student participating in a semester study away program watches a series of videos produced by Earth Deeds on the topics of climate change and the drawbacks of traditional offsets. Students then learn about the advantages of “onsetting”, an innovative approach to reducing the negative effects of air travel by funding, through a student fee, sustainability projects on the PLU campus and in PLU study away program sites around the world. Funds generated through this designated “onsetting” fee are made available through a grant cycle to organizations throughout the world doing work on sustainable agriculture and forestry, species preservation or water conservation and sanitation.

PLU’s Wang Center, in partnership with Earth Deeds, seeks grant proposals for projects related to sustainable agriculture and forestry, species preservation, water conservation, or sanitation that are productively addressing the tension between people, planet and prosperity. Preference is given to proposals for productive activity in locations where PLU has existing programs or partnerships within the U.S. or abroad. Grant amount: \$1,000-\$5,000 USD. Grants are funded annually. To be considered, organizations should submit proposals by May 15, 2020 to Tamara, Executive Director of the Wang Center for Global Education, at williatr@plu.edu. Proposals should not exceed three single-spaced pages and must include the following information:

- Description of the mission and a brief history of the organization
- Description of the project
- Purpose of the project and its contribution to the sustainability of the local community and/or the planet
- Description of how the success of the project will be measured and reported
- Timeline and detailed budget of the project including an itemized list of expenses

NOTE: All grant recipients are required to submit a brief report of the completed project within a month of its conclusion and acknowledge funding from **Pacific Lutheran University: Earth Deeds Carbon Mitigation Initiative** on published material related to the funded project.