

**PROJECT TITLE:** SP0358 Faculty of Law - Upper Atrium Project

Please answer the following questions and return the completed form to the [SPF Staff](#) via e-mail.

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## Questions

1. Please describe the key successes and challenges of your project.  
*Unlimited characters, suggested minimum 2 paragraphs.*

With the addition of various natural indoor plants strategically placed in our atrium, they have contributed to many positive benefits, as well as enhancing the décor. For instance, the greening of the atrium has made the space more welcoming for the students to study, work and socialize. We believe we have also succeeded in achieving a calming and serene environment for them to gather, which helps to reduce stress and anxiety. Moreover, the air quality is improved as research confirms that natural plants remove indoor air pollutants, thus, providing cleaner air for our students. Additionally, the plants have helped to reduce the background chatter in the atrium, as they absorb some of the noise and makes for a more inviting space for our students to gather. Finally, we received positive feedback from students and staff.

The main challenge we faced was to prioritize and determine what to purchase in order to stay within the SPF funding that we were allotted. Therefore, this meant we were unable to acquire additional smaller plants that we had intended for our SAO team. Furthermore, to reduce costs, we eliminated the transportation fees and we picked up the plants ourselves. Lastly, plant maintenance is currently the sole responsibility of the project lead, Assistant Dean Batik. Since we want to continue integrating plants in upcoming projects in the Faculty, it would be best if other units take on the responsibility for maintaining plants in their spaces and also to eventually have a uniform plan across the University in which McGill would hire a company specialized in plant maintenance.

SPF Key Success Indicators	Actual
# of people hired using SPF funding for the project	n/a
# of volunteers directly or indirectly engaged in the project	n/a
# of people (student, staff, or other) trained in the context of the project	n/a
\$ raised for project activities subsequent to SPF funding	n/a
# of tons of GHG emissions reduced by your project	n/a
# of partnerships or collaborations developed between the project team and other McGill administrative units, student groups, community groups, other universities, and/or other groups/organizations	n/a

Please list the groups that you counted in the last Key Success Indicator. You may elaborate on any other Key Success Indicators here.

n/a

2. Will this project continue in the future? If so, how do you envision the future of the project / how will your purchased items be maintained?  
*Unlimited characters, suggested minimum 1 paragraph.*

We will ensure the on-going care and maintenance of the plants. To allow them to continue to grow and thrive, they will need to be repotted in a year, therefore we would like to apply for additional SPF funding to purchase bigger planters, soil and fertilizer. Yes, we would like to continue this project in the future by adding a few more plants as the

upper Atrium is a large space. Furthermore, as mentioned above, we already identified other spaces in the Faculty where we would like to add plants.

3. Please rate your project team's overall satisfaction with the support provided by the **SPF Staff**.

Very Dissatisfied  Dissatisfied  Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied  Satisfied  Very Satisfied

Please provide any feedback or recommendations regarding your team's experience with the SPF Staff.

4. How likely are you to recommend the SPF Tiny Stream to others?.

Not at all likely  Not so likely  Somewhat likely  Very likely  Extremely likely

Please provide any feedback or recommendations regarding your team's experience with the SPF.

5. Since starting your SPF project, has your team improved its **knowledge of sustainability**?

Yes  No  Prefer Not to Share

If you would like to elaborate, please use the field below.

6. If there is additional information you would like to share about your project, please use the field below.  
*Unlimited characters.*

## THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING YOUR FINAL REPORT!

Please e-mail your report to the [SPF Staff](#) attaching any additional information that you would like to share (e.g. other reports, research, documents, photos, etc.). Please note that this Final Report will be shared with the SPF Governance Council.