

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Please complete the fields below with information regarding your project. Complete the form as a Word document; if you have trouble editing the form contact [spf.sustainability@mcgill.ca](mailto:spf.sustainability@mcgill.ca)

**Title of Proposed Project** Tides of Tomorrow: Aquatic Science in the Anthropocene (Recurring Annual Symposium)

**Amount Requested from SPF** \$300  
*Maximum \$300*

**Campus(es) Impacted**  Downtown  Macdonald  Gault Nature Reserve  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Project Leader

*This person must be a current McGill University student, administrative staff, or academic staff.*

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Faculty/Unit/Organization	American Fisheries Society - Quebec subunit		

Please list the names of any additional core project team members:

Our team has read the [SPF Terms & Conditions](#) and agrees to respect them.

Yes  No

In line with the [SPF Eligibility Criteria](#), our team certifies that this project takes place on a [McGill University campus](#) and primarily impacts the [McGill community](#), is [sustainability focused](#), is requesting [seed funding](#), and is [action oriented](#).

Yes  No

## PROJECT OVERVIEW + PLAN

### 1. Please describe your initiative, including details on when and where it will take place.

The American Fisheries Society (AFS) Quebec Subunit aims to organize a recurring annual symposium which will host researchers and scientists from government, academic and industry backgrounds to network and discuss current issues and trends in aquatic and fish sciences. This year, the symposium will be entitled "Tides of Tomorrow: Aquatic Science in the Anthropocene" and will be held from 1-5pm on March 19, 2024, in the ballroom of McGill's Thomson House. The symposium will include a career panel, a keynote speaker, opportunity for students to present their own research, as well as an art contest. This event will set the tone for further iterations of the symposium and kickstart this initiative.

### 2. Please describe how your initiative is sustainability focused and how it will be managed sustainably.

*You may find it helpful to consult the [SPF Sustainability Brief](#) and the [Climate & Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025](#).*

These symposiums highlight aquatic and fish research in the context of global change and sustainability in light of human interventions. The collaborations and knowledge-sharing that is achieved through our annual events foster innovations and research that will ultimately better the sustainability of aquatic and fisheries systems. We are proud to say that the event has been previously certified with the McGill Sustainable Events program (Silver) and we aim to accomplish it again this year. The event will use reusable cups and plates to minimize single use and material waste. Additionally, the event is being promoted virtually, utilizing zero paper.

**3. Please describe how your initiative will involve and directly benefit the McGill community. List all stakeholders.**

This symposium will offer students a valuable opportunity to connect with professionals and peers in the field, fostering crucial networking relationships. Beyond networking, it will allow students to explore diverse career paths related to fisheries and understand the steps they can take to get there. Engaging in the symposium will not only deepen their knowledge but also immerse them in the ongoing research, discoveries, and future directions of fisheries and aquatic science. Ultimately this symposium will provide McGill students with the opportunity to connection with researchers at different stages, present their own work, and further their knowledge.

**4. How many participants or beneficiaries do you expect for your project? How will you share information about your project (e.g. flyers, newsletters, webpage, etc.)?**

There will be between 40—60 participants attending the AFS symposium. Information regarding the event will be shared by email to club members and McGill students that contain a QR to sign-up (all virtual, please see appendix).

**5. Please describe why you need funding from the SPF. Explain what your anticipated project expenses are and how they will be used.**

The cost to reserve our desired venue, which would enrich the experience of students participating in the event, will cost roughly \$465 plus tax. AFS intends to use the funding from the SPF to the cost of securing the venue in addition to other funding the club has already secured. Any and all funds unused from this year's event can and will be used for subsequent iterations of the symposium.

**6. If you are requesting SPF Tiny Stream funding for an event, are you planning to certify the event with the [McGill Sustainable Events](#) program?**  Yes  No  N/A

**7. Please fill the budget table below or upload a budget in .XLS or .XLSX format. If submitting your own, please make sure both expenses and revenues are included and clearly indicate the expenses that the SPF will cover.**

Expenses	Cost (\$)	SPF to Fund
Venue	\$475.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Catetring/Food	\$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Honorarium (\$100 x 5)	\$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prizes (\$75 x 4)	\$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1425.00</b>	

Revenues/Other Funding Sources	Amount (\$)
Sustainability Projects Fund (TBC)	\$300.00
AFS Education Section	\$800.00
BGSA Grant (for catering)	\$100.00
QCBS Sponsor	\$200.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1400.00</b>

- 8. Optional: Upload an appendix with additional information about your project, including any flyers/promotional material that you have created.**

*To complete the application process, please submit this form and any other applicable documents (budget, appendix) on the SPF website. The SPF Staff will be in touch regarding your application within two weeks of the monthly deadline.*