

**Project Title:** Under the Weather: Climate Change Research and Justice

**Budget Requested:** \$26,558

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## **I. Project Overview**

### **Project summary:**

Under the Weather: Climate Change Research and Justice will be a McGill Sustainability Fund & Radio CKUT year-long monthly broadcast lecture series with an alternating focus on research on causes and impacts of climate change and climate justice actors, with a priority on presenting McGill researchers and alumni. Each semester will have four events: three speakers and one roundtable. During the fall and winter sessions the events will be held on McGill campus, concluding with a feature speaker. The summer session will be held in the opol Roulante.

Speeches will last one hour, followed by audience interaction through questions, comments and discussion. The base listenership.

We plan to partner with McGill environmental groups and departments, and Ecolibrium radio residency participants to co-sponsor different lectures and act as moderators. We have had various conversations with expressions of interest, but part of the research component of this project would go to researching and solidifying links to the McGill environmental community. The lectures will be broadcast live on McGill's campus radio station, CKUT 90.3FM (or [www.ckut.ca](http://www.ckut.ca)) and podcast afterwards on the Ecolibrium blog, tumblr, CKUT's website and the Media Coop. Speakers will also be interviewed on CKUT. Every four months all the lectures will be packaged, distributed and promoted as an audio lecture course on climate change and climate justice through our co-sponsors, CKUT's website, the National Campus Community Radio Association, the Media Coop, the Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs), Rabble.ca, Pacifica Radio Network, Alternatives and other available channels through the university. By distributing these lectures as widely as possible bringing the campus to the community and the community to the campus.

### **Provide a brief background, describing the project, objectives and outcomes.**

#### **Project eligibility:**

Over the last few years, we have continued to witness and gather research on drastic changes in our climate system, including melting glaciers, increased number of natural disasters, shifting coastlines and rising ocean. Likewise we have seen a climate justice movement that is gaining momentum and in size lobbying President Obama to stop the Keystone XL pipeline that would carry oil from the Alberta tar sands, educating the public about proposed geo-engineering projects with wealthy funders with unknown impacts on our global ecosystem, and building a sustained, indigenous-led campaign against the biggest industrial project in the world, the tsnmldes BDCfbTu(

under the Harper government.

We aim to provide popular education in the university and off campus contexts, bringing together the best minds and organizers at McGill and in Canada and bridging the gap between academia and the rest of the community. CKUT is uniquely positioned to coordinate this project. With one foot in the campus and one foot in the Montreal community CKUT community news and spoken word departments have a wide ranging base of contacts, both from the grassroots organizing perspective and at McGill University that the project coordinator will use in consultation to develop the series.

The lecture series will explore a range of topics related to climate justice. The first month of work will focus on

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	groups to put it on their website, getting it through McGill channels, classroom announcements		
Poster design		30 hrs	Poster Designer contracted
Technical	Setting up live remote equipment, monitoring live remote equipment	50 hrs	Izaak
In-studio tech	Sitting in studio to monitor the stream	50 hrs	Marc
Radio promo	Making radio ads and airing them	24 hrs	Louise Burns

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