

Idea Paper Name: Black Educational Farm Program

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Timestamp of submission:3/4/2022 9:11:47**Email address:**gdt22@humboldt.edu**Do you have any established partners on campus for this project/Idea?**

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Idea Description:

We would like to develop a Black Educational Farm program in collaboration with the Umoja Center for Pan African Student Excellence at the Bayside Park Farm. The Black Educational Farm program has 3 goals: 1. To teach and develop farming skills with Black students 2. To develop a sense of belonging in the local community 3. Facilitate discussions and learning that center Black experiences, knowledge and challenges pertaining to sustainability and land. The program will leverage the local communities culture of community agriculture to support students in integrating into the local area through exposure to farming and knowledge rooted in the Black farming experience. We would like to purchase gardening supplies, materials to build raised boxes, and a mini hoop house styled greenhouse, boots, gloves, seed and starts.

Need Statement:

This program is needed on our campus because it would enrich student life by supporting a space that facilitates connection to the natural resource areas and learning farming skills from a decolonized perspective. It opens the door for more research around agriculture while expanding and diversifying the current scope of epistemology with regards to farming and gardening. Our campus has a strong tradition of sustainability, farming and agriculture and adding a diverse perspective would be an asset.

Expected Outcome:

The expected outcomes of the project are multifaceted and include: a more connected Black student experience at Cal Poly Humboldt and the local community; to facilitate educational opportunities that explore the intersection between the Black experience/culture farming, gardening and the outdoors; to produce students who have an interest and a working knowledge of sustainable food growth.

HEIF Goals this Project will Accomplish:

The HEIF will achieve its mission through projects that are developed by students and, to the extent possible, implemented, monitored, and maintained with strong student involvement., The HEIF will require accountability by measuring and reporting quantitative and qualitative results, as well as levels of involvement by students and other participants, in all its projects., The HEIF will strive to make its projects derive from and be connected to the curriculum of the university., The HEIF will support the dissemination of information about its projects through public outreach and educational activities., The HEIF will seek to publicize accomplishments and experiences associated with its program and projects through a variety of media.

How did you hear about this opportunity to submit an Idea to HEIF?

Faculty or staff

Would you like to receive feedback on your Idea before the Committee votes on it?

Yes

Is there anything else you'd like the HEIF Committee to consider when reviewing this project?

N/A

Link to Supporting Documents:

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