**MES Thesis Fund Committee**

**The Evergreen State College**

**Olympia, WA 98505**

**Travel:**

I am requesting mileage reimbursement for:

* 2 trips to the King County Courthouse (60 miles one-way)
* 2 trips to Mason County Public Works (25 miles one-way)
* 1 trip to Spokane to visit the Spokane Public Works Department (321 miles one-way)

*Why you are requesting funding for the specific expenses you list:*

I am requesting funds to drive to and from these three counties because I need to conduct interviews with decision-makers and thought leaders in the region. I will also be touring the respective waste facilities being analyzed in each county and it is not possible to collect this data remotely. These sites include landfills, material recovery facilities, and Spokane’s waste-to-energy plant.

*How the funding will contribute to the success of your thesis research:*

This funding will enable me to collect essential waste management data to perform case study research on three municipalities in Washington State. The waste management decisions of these communities have not been analyzed in previous theses. Being able to collect this data will enhance the novelty of my research in the environmental studies community compared to analysis of existing information by itself.

**Materials & Supplies:**

No materials or supplies are requested.

**Equipment, or Other:**

No equipment or other items are requested.

**Statement of Funding:**

I do not have any other pending funding requests that would apply to the items requested here.