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There are no pages at the moment.

This semester I've worked mainly on finding potential grants to support AguaClara and fund construction of more plants. I put all of the promising looking ones into a database and also created a database of foundations that may be interested in donating to AguaClara or collaborating with us. I've started drafting a letter of inquiry to the contact listed for a USAID grant and hopefully it can also be used as a template for further letters of inquiry to other foundations. We've started working with the Cornell Sustainable Enterprise Association and they're currently helping us research the list of grants and foundations in more depth and develop a list of contacts for each one. During the second half of the semester my goal is to send letters of inquiry to all of the contacts for these different organizations, decide which look the most promising and sound the most interested in AguaClara, and then put together several full-length grant proposals. Hopefully once we've pulled together everything we need for a proposal, we can then use it multiple times for various grants and students next year won't have to start from scratch when applying for funding. I'm also planning on putting together a list of links to all of the resources I've used during this whole grant-seeking process so next year's students can use them as well. Finally, I also worked with Seth to write up a short article about the team's trip to Honduras this January for The Salubron, the journal that Cornell Health International prints. Hopefully it will get some people in the international health concentration interested in the project. Other goals for next semester are to develop a "business plan" with the help of SEA modeled on plans from Solar Decathlon and Baja, and to make the website more appealing and user friendly... and easy to donate to. We've also talked about writing up a list of frequently asked questions and answers about AguaClara to put on the website and handout at presentations.