Student Organization Support Fund
Guidelines and Conditions

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion Student Organization Support Fund exists to assist campus organizations in their effort to increase outreach and showcase various aspects of diversity. By offering financial support, our office strives create new opportunities for student success through learning, engagement, and discovery. We also expect that the awarded funds will enhance the student experience and prepare recipients to be active citizens with the increased exposure to aspects of diversity that are not widely-known or understood.

Award Amounts:
The award amount can vary based on the availability of funding and the level of alignment with the mission and vision of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. The maximum financial support offered for a single program will be $300.

Eligible Organizations:
All multi-cultural campus student organizations are eligible to apply for the Center for Diversity and Inclusion Student Organization Support Fund. Each organization can receive a grant one time per academic school year. All applicants must be in good academic standing and be applying as part of an official University of Houston Registered Student Organization (through the Center for Student Involvement). The Center for Diversity and Inclusion, in its sole discretion, will make all decisions regarding eligibility of items. Recipients must agree to advertise the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at the event and on the marketing materials. Recipients must complete a minimum of one-page reflection on their event, what they believe they gained from the experience and how they plan to better the University of Houston Community as a result.

Qualified Events and Activities:
The Center for Diversity and Inclusion Student Organization Support Fund is designed to promote creativity among student organizations and increase exposure to aspects of diversity that are not widely-known or understood. So, in many ways, a qualified program can be anything your group can dream up. However, it must engage, empower and/or educate the University of Houston campus. All programs must be educationally focused with a diversity lens. The organization’s event must also be in direct alignment with their student organization’s mission. The Center for Diversity and Inclusion, in its sole discretion, will make all decisions regarding approved events and activities eligibility.
Selection Criteria:

Provided that the organization submits a completed Center for Diversity and Inclusion Student Organizations Support Fund application 6 weeks in advance of program, funding will be awarded on the basis of 1) the quality of the application provided and, 2) the level to which the organization’s event or activity promotes the mission and vision of the Center for Diversity and, 3) Availability of funding. Failure to provide all information as specified will result in no funding. Approved funding requests may be an alternative (and sometimes lesser) amount than requested.

When to Apply:

For the best chances of approval and to allow ample time for awarding, applications must be submitted six weeks before the event date. The Center for Diversity and Inclusion will accept early applications. Applicants should not use the Center for Diversity and Inclusion funding as their only funding source and are encouraged to do their own fundraising efforts.

Decision Authority:

The application should be submitted to the Center for Diversity and Inclusion office where it will be dated, checked for completion, and forwarded to the Center for Diversity and Inclusion Staff for review. A member of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion staff will notify applicants of their award status (approval or rejection) via email after final approval has been obtained.

Availability of Funds:

Funds are available on a first come, first served basis and awarding is based on availability of funding.

Contact Information:

All applications should be turned into the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, located in the basement of Student Center South, Room B12 (across from Starbucks). If you have specific questions about the student organization support fund application or process, please contact the office via phone at (713) 743-6047 or email at uhcdi@central.uh.edu.