

Microgrant Applicant Information

APIRG Mission Statement

APIRG is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. APIRG exists to provide students with resources to be active citizens.

APIRG Statement of Values

APIRG considers an equitable environment to be a part of positive social change. We acknowledge that social change is achievable and see social awareness as a valuable facet of the public interest. We see anti-oppression as a process that acknowledges the existence of systemic oppression (including, but not limited to, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, and ableism). Through practices and policies, we seek to actively identify, challenge and address oppression wherever it exists, in all its various forms, and to actively encourage opportunities for social awareness and change. Further, we recognize and respect that systems of oppression interact in different ways and affect each person differently.

APIRG Microgrant Program

Microgrant funding is intended to support current University of Alberta undergraduate students in organizing small events and projects, and/or to increase the accessibility of small events and projects. For example, a microgrant might be used to provide snacks, bus tickets and child care for a student panel or to rent an accessible room for a public workshop.

The maximum amount of funding per application is \$100. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with no deadline, and will be reviewed in the order

they are received and granted to a maximum of \$500 per semester in Fall and Winter terms. Unused funds from the first semester will roll into the second semester at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The microgrant program has the following stipulations:

- A max of \$100 dollars per application
- Only available to current University of Alberta undergraduate in good standing with APIRG who have not opted out of the dedicated fee
 - Events must align with APIRG's mandate and statement of values
 - Must not be a current Working Group or Event/Project grant holder
 - If the event is a ticketed event, there must be a block of tickets (15% of overall expected attendance) available as pay-what-you-can or free to ensure event accessibility
 - APIRG does not fund events and projects organized by student groups with public not-for-profit affiliates. However, if the applicant can offer a reasonable explanation for why funding from the affiliate group is not available, and the project directly aligns with APIRG's mandate, funding may be considered.
 - Applications must be submitted **at least 21 days in advance of the event**; retroactive funding will not be distributed
 - Priority will be given to:
 - Events held on campus
 - Free events open to the public
 - Requests for accessibility supports including transit tickets, food, or ASL interpretation for participants
 - Events with small budgets, or which have a demonstrated need for APIRG funding

please note that due to our recent removal of the PA system lending program, requests for funding to rent audio equipment will be prioritized as we phase the program out.

Application Process

The application form can be found on the APIRG website, on the “Microgrant” page. Please complete and submit this application at least 21 days before the start of your event or project.

An APIRG staff member may contact you to request a short interview in person or over the phone, to gather any additional information required regarding your project. The staff member will then combine your application and interview responses and present your application to the Board of Directors for a prompt decision.

You will receive our decision within 2 weeks of your application.

Upon Receiving Funding

Following a successful microgrant approval, the event organizers must consent to the following:

- To include the APIRG logo on event posters
- To include a link to APIRG on social media and publicly acknowledge APIRG’s support
- Following the event, a 1 – 3 sentence thank you note for APIRG for our use on social media and our website
- To submit electronic copies of one event photo and/or event poster to be used for APIRG archival purposes and/or in our annual report

Please contact the office with any questions, comments or concerns at:

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