

COVID-19 Emergency Funding

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, even with the ongoing situation of social distancing.

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 COVID-19 Emergency Funding Program

APIRG has recognized that the COVID19 pandemic has produced unprecedented harm to communities and we seek to provide communities with funding to help groups through this pandemic, and provide a catalyst to support their actions to raze structural oppressions and construct an alternative world.

This grant stream supports one-time funding and support to help groups and individuals to undertake projects in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to a maximum of \$3000. Applicants working on projects in **mutual aid**, **advocacy**, or **direct action** which address outcomes from the pandemic and support APIRG's mandate and statement of values are encouraged to apply. Please see the accompanying document for definitions of terms and more information about what sorts of projects we're looking for.

There are two funding rounds - Spring (June 30 deadline) and Summer (August 31 deadline). However, applications will be considered on a first come, first served rolling basis. Unused funds from the first round will roll into the second round at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The COVID Emergency Funding program has the following stipulations:

- A max of \$3000 dollars per application.
- Only available to groups who have at least 1 member who is a current University of Alberta undergraduate who has not opted out of the dedicated APIRG fee. (If your group does not currently meet this requirement but you're open to student involvement, please get in touch with APIRG before applying!)
 - Projects must align with APIRG's mandate and statement of values.
 - Current working groups are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to project collaborations with groups that haven't received APIRG funding.
 - APIRG does not usually fund 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.
 - Funds will be delivered to approved groups but original receipts must be provided digitally as soon as possible and in physical copy when possible. Funds cannot be used directly for staffing costs.

- Groups that have unspent event funding from APIRG and want to pivot from a cancelled event to COVID-19 response work should contact APIRG staff.

- Priority will be given to events/projects/research which:
 - o engage the campus community
 - o are free and open to the public
 - o take an anti-oppressive approach to justice
 - o engage deeply with accessibility considerations
 - o are by the communities they are for
 - o have a demonstrated need for APIRG funding

Application Process

1) Contact the Outreach Coordinator at outreach@apirg.org with any questions about your eligibility or application. *We highly recommend getting in touch if you are considering applying. The funding committee is available to answer any questions you have and discuss your project plan.*

- 2) Complete the application form.
- 3) Attach a full budget for your project when prompted in the form.
- 4) Attach the Budget Worksheet when prompted in the form.

A decision will be made by the APIRG COVID-19 Emergency Funding Committee within 2 weeks of submission. We will contact all applicants with a decision.

Upon Receiving Funding

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

- To include the APIRG logo on any posters
- To include a link to APIRG on social media and publicly acknowledge



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APIRG's support

- To retain all original receipts for reimbursement
- To complete an evaluation form within 2 weeks of the completion of your project.
- To submit electronic copies of one photo and/or 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:

apirg@ualberta.ca