



Funding Sources for Student Organizations

There are a variety of funding sources available to student organizations for their programs and activities. In addition to those listed here, many departments and units have some funding available to co-sponsor programs that address their primary mission or area of study.

Funding sources available only to RSOs:

Student Government Finance Committee and Annual Allocations

<http://leadership.uchicago.edu/sgfc>

Along with Annual Allocations and Summer SGFC, the Student Government Finance Committee disperses the largest segment of the Student Activities Fee for RSO use. The committee meets weekly to review RSO funding requests, and you can request funds from this committee for an event or even a capital improvement.

Timeline: SGFC – Weekly, 11 days prior to event; AnnAl – Annual (April)

Guidelines: <http://leadership.uchicago.edu/sites/leadership.uchicago.edu/files/SGFC-Guidelines.pdf>

Community Service Fund

<https://ucsc.uchicago.edu/page/csf-community-service-fund>

The Community Service Fund (CSF) is a funding body that allocates part of the Student Activities Fee toward events that are focused on community service. All RSOs are eligible to apply for this funding. CSF supports activities designed to improve the quality of life of the Chicago community, as well as national and international communities.

Timeline: 3rd and 7th Weeks, Quarterly

OMSA Allocations

<http://omsa.uchicago.edu/allocation-board>

The OMSA Allocation Board (AB) is a student peer review board that allocates funding to student organizations that host programs that directly impact OMSA constituents, enhance the OMSA mission and add value to the University Community.

Additional Requirements: Must attend regular meetings to be eligible.

Timeline: Mondays, odd weeks



Funding sources available to RSOs and non-RSOs:

Student Fine Arts Fund

<https://arts.uchicago.edu/uchicago-arts-grants-funding/student-fine-arts-fund>

As one means to encourage the expansion of arts activities and enrichment of the University's cultural life, UChicago Arts provides small grants to University of Chicago student organizations and individual students through the Student Fine Arts Fund (SFAF). The Fund seeks student-initiated projects that would not typically receive support from another organization. Priority is given to original ideas for the creation of all sorts of visual and performing arts and might take the form of funding materials, artist master classes, or other ideas that support the "making" process. The grant might also be used to augment existing funding to extend an artist's time on campus in the form of a master class or interactive discussion.

Amount: Up to \$1500

Timeline: Quarterly

UChicago Arts Grants

<https://arts.uchicago.edu/uchicago-arts-grants-funding/uchicago-arts-grants>

The UChicago Arts Grant program solicits original ideas for the creation and presentation of the arts. We are particularly interested in funding projects that create collaboration between arts and other disciplines. UChicago Arts Grants provide seed funding for **new** artistic ventures and should not be considered a source of continued funding.

Amount: \$1500 - \$7500

Timeline: Quarterly

Graduate Council Event Funding

<http://sg.uchicago.edu/people-20132014graduatecouncil-1>

One of the Graduate Council's primary functions is to provide a source of funding for student organizations at the University of Chicago. Without strict limitations on who can apply for funding, the Graduate Council provides a source of money without divisional barriers, which supports a wide range of event types.

Timeline: Rolling

Graduate Council Travel

<http://sg.uchicago.edu/travel-fund>

The Graduate Aid initiative of the Graduate Council was expanded this year in order to facilitate conference attendance and networking of graduate students on behalf of the University of Chicago. We aim to subsidize cost of transportation and conference registration fees for students who are specifically attending a conference to give a presentation on their novel primary research. Although we have a limited budget, we strive to ensure balanced representation from the graduate divisions of the University.

Amount: Up to \$500

Timeline: Quarterly, submit one quarter prior to travel



Uncommon Fund

<http://sg.uchicago.edu/uncommon-fund>

The Uncommon Fund is a pool of money allocated by Student Government towards innovative and impactful student projects and initiatives on campus. These projects and initiatives range from one-day events to large-scale initiatives or projects. The goal of the fund is to encourage students to take action on campus in innovative, impactful, and uncommon ways.

Timeline: Annual, January

Campus Dialogue Fund

<http://csl.uchicago.edu/diversity-inclusion/initiatives/campus-dialogue-fund>

The Campus Dialogue Fund provides annual funding to bring speakers that address issues relevant to the campus, such as social justice, oppression, human and civil rights.

Timeline: Odd Weeks

Graduate Innovation Grant

http://grad.uchicago.edu/grad_fellowships_funding/featured_fellowships/graduate_student_innovation_grant/

The Provost's Office sponsors the Graduate Innovation Grant to facilitate student-generated programs and services that support UChicago graduate students. These grants are intended to provide seed money and administrative/logistical support for launching ideas that encourage graduate students' academic progress, professional development, or personal growth.

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Timeline: Annual, January

Student Organization Catering Fund

<http://dining.uchicago.edu/page/student-organization-catering-fund-requests>

The Student Organization Catering Fund, presented jointly by UChicago Dining and the Center for Leadership and Involvement, offers the opportunity for recognized student organizations to request catering for special events. This catering fund is a line of credit established with Aramark, UChicago Dining's on-campus food service provider.

Timeline: Weekly, two weeks prior to event