International Center Grant Fund: Supporting International Student Voices, Interests and Needs

2019-2020 Grants Celebration

International Center, Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives (OAMI), Center for Educational Outreach (CEO), and Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs (MESA) wish to recognize and congratulate all student organizations and individuals that received grants through those offices. Watch this celebratory video highlighting just a fraction of the many amazing initiatives that took place on campus and around the world!

Background
There are over 7,000 International students at the University of Michigan representing over 120 countries around the world. Starting in Fall 2019, the International Center will offer a biannual grant opportunity to help student organizations and University departments recognize the diversity of the international student population through special events and programming.

We are looking to fund creative programming that will address the following goals:

1. To elevate the voices the international student population at the University of Michigan.
2. To provide programming to support international students.
3. To hold events or offer initiatives of particular interest to the international student population, at large or subsets of it (cultural, vocational, etc).

Two grant categories will be offered:

- Recognized Student Organizations (RSO)
- Departments (Faculty/Staff)

Grants will vary based on the submitted budget and the availability of funds, but requests should be a minimum of $400.

Application Process

Proposals for the International Center Grant will include the following information that will be submitted:
via a Google Form:

- Title, Date, Time, Location, and Description of your proposed event or the timeframe of the initiative if not a specific event.
- Description of the learning objectives of your event and how they match the goals of this grant program.
- The number of students you expect to participate and how you plan to advertise it.
- If seeking funding to support pre-existing events or programming, describe how the funding would enhance the event this year.
- A complete budget sheet ([click here for template](2)]) that clearly outlines the expenses involved in putting on the event, and how much money you’re requesting.

During the review process, committee members may reach out to request additional information about your proposed event or initiative.

**Eligibility**

**Recognized Student Organization Grant**

Grants are available to student organizations at the University of Michigan to host events or initiatives that celebrate and/or provide support to the international student population. Grants can be used to support events, initiatives, or to enhance pre-existing programming.

*Eligibility:*

- Grants are available to Recognized Student Organizations (RSO) ([3]) with active University Fund Accounts through the Student Organization Account Services (SOAS) who are in good standing and in compliance with the Standards of Conduct for Recognized Student Organizations. This includes both sponsored and voluntary student organizations.
- Proposed program/event must take place during the current academic year.
- Organizations may receive the grant no more than one time per academic year.

*Payment Method:*

- Transfer to SOAS account

[Student Organizations Apply Here](4]

**Department Grant**

Grants are available to University of Michigan departments to help cover costs associated with hosting events/programs designed to support international student voices, interests and needs. Grants can be used to support events, initiatives, or to enhance pre-existing programming, and can either be faculty/staff- or student-led.

*Eligibility:*
University of Michigan departments are eligible to apply for this funding.
Proposed program/event must take place during the current academic year.
Departments may receive the grant no more than one time per academic year.

Payment Method:

- Transfer to department shortcode

University Departments Apply Here [5]

Examples of what this grant can fund:

- The cost of room reservations and A/V
- Event supplies
- Honoraria for guest speakers

Funding will **not** be given to support:

- Events with a political agenda
- Events at which alcohol or other drugs are present
- Events taking place outside of the state of Michigan

Selection Process

A selection committee will review proposals and award funding.

Grant Expectations

- Grant recipients must complete a Post-Event Reflection Survey, including reporting on attendance, as well as reflections on how the event went.
- Recipients must agree to forfeit funding should the event not take place.

Dates

Two grants cycles will be offered per year with the following deadlines:

- Sunday, October 6, 2019 by 11:59 PM
  - Notification Date: Friday, October 25, 2019
  - Proposed events and initiatives must take place during the current academic year (2019-2020).
- Sunday, February 2, 2020 by 11:59 PM
  - Notification Date: Friday, February 21, 2020
  - Proposed events and initiatives must take place during Winter 2020 or early Fall 2020.

Contact

The International Center is happy to answer questions with regard to eligibility and preparing a strong application. Please contact icgrantfund@umich.edu [6] to reach an International Center staff member.