Winter 2017 Student Group Awards

Number of groups that applied for funding: 13
Total Requested: $18,886
Total Budgeted: $10,000
Total Granted: $10,000

Graduate Student Groups (GSGs)

Harvard GSAS Singaporean and Malaysian Association
Requested: $880
Granted: $880
Notes: Fantastic application. Thank you!

GSAS Action Coalition
Requested: $2500? $580?  
Granted: $552.50
Notes: For each event that you list in your budget, please follow the instructions on the application form and the sample application on the website, and please address the evaluation criteria listed on the website (e.g. if you request funding for "drinks and light snacks" at a meeting, you need to tell us how many people will be at the meeting; e.g. "supplies" and "advocacy letters" are not detailed enough descriptions). In general, please be more specific regarding who and how many people will attend. You requested $2500 from the GSC, but only included $580 in your budget. Please have a member from your group contact the treasurer if you have questions.

The Petey Greene Program at GSAS
Requested: $2000
Granted: $1500
Notes: Nice application! It would be helpful for us to know in even more detail (specific prices and packaging options) what other transportation methods you considered (e.g. other rental options, public transportation, shuttling through Harvard), and why you decided not to pursue them. In addition, please let us know specifically what the prisons' restrictions are regarding how many people can be tutoring in one session, and when the sessions can and cannot occur. We encourage you to a) use your startup fund and the funding you were awarded in the fall round, and b) apply for additional funding in the spring.

Harvard Chinese Students and Scholars Association
Requested: $3500
Granted: $1150
Notes: Your choice of venue is way beyond the scope of what the GSC funds, and the majority of the funding you requested was to pay for the venue. We gave you a significant amount of money for the venue cost this round in case it wasn’t clear that we do not contribute to such expenses; please note that we will not support such expenses in the future. In addition, when we ask for a detailed itemized budget, we are interested primarily in how you will spend the money the GSC gives you. Thank you!

Science in The News
Requested: $825
Granted: $500
Notes: Money is requested specifically for custodial fees and AV rentals. The custodial fee may not be charged for the full duration of the events; money awarded is accordingly cut.

Harvard GSAS Science Policy Group
Requested: $2050
Granted: $1400
Notes: Great application! In the future, if you plan to host two events on the same day (e.g. January 17th), please specify how your group will coordinate this/why you’re okay splitting your attendees.

Harvard Swing Dance Society
Requested: $855
Granted: $817.50
Notes: Good application! We felt that attendance at the two sessions in early January would be low due to the break between semesters.

Harvard Dragon Boat Team: a GSAS Student Organization
Requested: $1957
Granted: $1100
Notes: All the proposed events are very specific. However due to the fact that the registration fees are relatively expensive we suggest the group seek donations from members or alternative funding sources. Additionally, these events happen later in the academic year, so there is the possibility for the proposed events to be additionally funded in the subsequent funding cycles.

Harvard East Asia Society
Requested: $950
Granted: $452.50
Notes: $20/meal is twice the amount we typically provide for meal costs. If you are not able to print banners at a lower cost through Harvard, please explain this. It is unclear from the application how many people are expected at each dinner, and whether or not the attendees will be hand-selected. A statement such as “the more funding the club receives, the more dinner events will occur” is not appropriate here, as the GSC awards funding for specific events, for a specific number of attendees, etc. (i.e. we do not issue blank checks). If you have questions regarding the GSC’s funding policies, please do not hesitate to write to the treasurer.
Harvard GSAS Graduate Consulting Club
Requested: $969.21
Granted: $485
Notes: While the application was very thorough in describing the many planned events for the upcoming semester, the requested funds were for food and drink, and an itemized budget was not included. Without knowing how the requested amount was arrived at, it is not possible to award the full requested amount.

GSAS Harvard Argentine Tango Society
Requested: $2400
Granted: $602.50
Notes: It was very unclear from the application what funding was being requested for events that already happened vs. will happen in the future. Specifically, $2,000 was requested for dance teachers and a venue for dance lessons in the fall term, but the funding requested in the winter cycle should be spent on events in the winter and/or spring terms. The GSC does not reimburse retroactively. If you have any questions about the GSC’s funding policies, please do not hesitate to contact the treasurer.

Departmental Graduate Student Organizations (DGSOs)

Harvard Graduate Students in Linguistics
Requested: $310
Granted: $310
Notes: Our Winter 2017 budget allowed us to give all DGSOs the amounts they requested. In future applications please include an itemized budget for each event you plan to host, rather than providing an overall cost for an event. Thank you!

Germanic Circle
Requested: $250
Granted: $250
Notes: Our Winter 2017 budget allowed us to give all DGSOs the amounts the requested.