

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND (LOCAL ACTIVITIES)
Application Guidelines

1. Purposes of the Fund

- 1.1 To subsidize meaningful local student activities organized by student societies or individual students (UGC-funded students only), except exchange students.
- 1.2 To support student societies in acquiring necessary programme equipment.
- 1.3 To encourage students to organize & participate in local activities, so as to develop their leadership abilities and interpersonal skills, as well as cultivate their personal interests.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 All registered student societies are eligible to apply.
- 2.2 Applications from individual students (UGC-funded students only), except exchange students, which contribute to the enhancement of campus life may be entertained at the discretion of SDS.
- 2.3 Participation in credit bearing programs, internships or programmes that are part of the course requirements will **NOT** be subsidized.

3. Funding Strategy

To encourage student societies or individual students to organize quality activities enhancing students' out-of-classroom learning experience, applications will be assessed in terms of its objectives, planning, innovativeness and benefits to the participants/University/community. Extra funding will be allocated to support activities and/or new initiatives aligning with the **CIA Strategy** as detailed below:

Community Outreach

- Outreach initiatives to foster the collaboration with secondary schools, external institutions, industries or a wider community
- Social services to contribute to the community and serve people in need.

Internationalization

- New initiatives to promote multi-cultural campus life
- Endeavors to cultivate the integration and exchanges among local, non-local and international students in out-of-classroom context.

Academic Integration

- Activities that demonstrate the application of knowledge learnt from academic and professional training in programme design and content
- Programmes that enrich students' learning experience or strengthen the positive learning culture in the University

- 3.1 If applicants submit two or more applications for a considerable subsidy in the same academic year, the level of support may be lowered accordingly.

- 3.2 It is not a must for the applicant to receive the same amount of subsidy on the same/similar events. The amount of subsidy depends on the nature of the event, overall quality of the proposal and the availability of fund etc.

4. Application Procedures

- 4.1 Applications are open throughout the year and shall be submitted to SDS **2 weeks in advance** of the activity. Ad hoc applications may be entertained upon request depending on the availability of fund. However, **retrospective applications** will **NOT** be considered.
- 4.2 Applications shall be submitted on a prescribed application form which could be downloaded on the SDS website. Funding will be allocated according to the guidelines of Student Activity Fund and the amount of subsidy will normally not exceed 60% of the proposed budget.
- 4.3 Applications of **student societies shall be endorsed by the Students' Union before submission to SDS** (6/F, Bank of China (HK) Complex). The applicant shall be the leader of the proposed activity and an office-bearer of the society concerned.
- 4.4 The applicant must declare if other source(s) of sponsorship has been received.
- 4.5 SDS staff may meet with the applicant to discuss the details and the budget of the proposed activity.
- 4.6 The applicant will usually be informed of the application result in writing within 2 weeks after the submission of application.

5. Reimbursement Procedures and Remarks

- 5.1 The applicant must submit the following to SDS within 4 weeks after the completion of the activity; otherwise, the approved subsidy will be considered forfeited:
- Evaluation report of the activity, including but not limited to the assessment of the process and outcomes, feedback from participants (if any), etc.*
 - Audited income-expenditure statement*, supported with valid original copies of receipts**
 - At least 3 photos of the activity

*For registered student societies, documents (a) and (b) must be signed by the President and Financial Secretary with society stamp.

**Please refer to Appendix (2) for details of receipts accepted for reimbursements.

- 5.2 The subsidy is normally paid in form of reimbursement to the applicant upon submission of all documents mentioned in 5.1. Any expenditure incurred from the activity shall first be met by fees received from the participants and other sources of income. The activity will only be subsidized when all the aforesaid income is exhausted. If the applicant has spent less than the proposed budget, the maximum amount to be claimed is 60% of the actual amount spent.
- 5.3 For student societies, only the bank account of the Society or President and Financial Secretary will be accepted for reimbursement.
- 5.4 If the conducted activity or submitted financial statement varies considerably from the original proposal, SDS staff may interview the applicant for clarification and reserves the right to amend or withhold the subsidy.
- 5.5 The applicant is required to submit a signed receipt of each participant if subsidy for individuals

(UGC funded students only) is granted.

Appendix 1: Reference on Subsidy Allocations for Student Activities

- *Student Development Services reserves the right to amend the application guidelines and subsidy percentage/amount at any time as appropriate without prior notice.*
- *The percentage and amount listed below are for reference only and may vary with the nature of the event, overall quality of the proposal and the availability of fund etc.*

Programmes / Projects / Events	Subsidy Percentage / Amount
Annual dinner, High table dinner, Re-union dinner etc.	Maximum \$45 per head
Competition (local)	Maximum 30% of approved budget or \$100 per head, whichever is lower <i>(Extra funding support would be considered for large-scale competition or participant represents CityU.)</i>
Inauguration Ceremony	Maximum 30% of approved budget
Training Camp	Maximum 30% of approved budget or \$140 per head, whichever is lower
Workshop / Training / Interest Class	Maximum 20% of approved budget or \$55 per head, whichever is lower

Appendix 2: Receipts Accepted for Reimbursements

- SDS reserves the right to reject any receipts that do not comply with the requirements below.
- The applicant may only submit original copies of receipts with the approved amount to SDS. The submitted original copies of receipts will not be returned; applicants shall make copies for record if necessary and submit the copies to SDS for endorsement before submitting to the Students' Union.
- All receipts are required to show the company name, product name, quantity and price of each item clearly.
- Please stick the original receipts on A4 sized papers and assign a reference number to each receipt.
- For receipts printed by a cash register, please photocopy them and submit them with the originals.
- If only electronic receipts are available, such receipts must include the company stamp; without the company stamp, the applicant has to sign to declare that the e-receipt is the only receipt issued by the company. Otherwise, the e-receipts will not be accepted.
- Only official receipts are accepted; samples below are for reference only :

<p>COMMUNITY SPORTS LTD. No. 32386 Date: 30 Mar 13 Amount: HK\$ 9,195.50 Payment: Bank In</p>	<p>Sample 2</p> <p>正式收據 Receipt Number: R13001703 CUSTOMER COPY Date: 4-JUN-13 Page: 1 / 1 Booking No.: B13001077 To: MR.CHEUNG Passenger Name(s): Flight: HONG KONG/TOKYO (NARITA) TOKYO (NARITA)/HONG KONG Date: 8-AUG-13 12-AUG-13 Flight: DL 156 DL 155 Class: ECONOMY ECONOMY Amount: HKD 21,000.00 Authorized Signature: [Signature]</p>
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- 8. Electronic screenshots of transactions, booking confirmations, reservation and credit card payment slips etc. will **NOT** be accepted.

Samples of **unaccepted** booking confirmations for flight/ accommodation:

