



Expressions Fee Application

This is the first year the Expressions Fee is available for student projects. The fund was established in 2016 to support students seeking to improve the campus climate as it relates to the inclusivity of student identities, particularly, but not limited to, race, gender, sexuality, ability, class. Projects that seek to raise consciousness amongst the student body, develop allies, and express self-identity are encouraged.

The money comes from the ASUPS student government fee; two dollars from each student's fee is set aside for the Expressions Fee project fund. The fee is administered in two cycles, once in the Fall, and once in the Spring. Students have the opportunity to apply for both.

The fee should be utilized as a resource for students, either individually or collectively, who have relatively concrete ideas for a project.

Before you apply

Please meet with the ASUPS Director of Student Interests to discuss your project. They can provide additional support, clarify the application, help you finesse your proposal, and connect you with campus partners to help make your application and project more successful.

Project Eligibility

Projects must perform one or more of the following:

- (a) Provide resources to students and the campus community to encourage equity and inclusivity.
- (b) Provide educational benefit in cross-cultural understanding, cultural competency in the realms of personal and group identity, social justice, and inclusivity.
- (c) Provide an outlet of expression for and/or build community for students of minoritized backgrounds.
- (d) Provides opportunities to encourage civic engagement that connects UPS students with the greater Tacoma community

Accessibility

Additionally all projects must be accessible to the campus community, regardless of visible and invisible disabilities.

Audience Expansion

Competitive applications will seek to expand the audience of equity, inclusivity, and social justice programming and will seek to develop new allies. Providing a detailed description of how your project seeks to do that will help strengthen your application.

Funding Level

Currently up to \$2,000 may be requested.

Alternate Funding Sources

As the Expressions Fee project fund has a limited pool of money, we may not be able to fund all the projects we want even if they may be worthy of funding. Some funding sources may have differing eligibility and competitiveness, and may have different requirements for funding. At different points in the year, they may or may not have funds available. Please reach out to the **Director of Student Interests** (asupsdsi@pugetsound.edu) to see which fund may be appropriate/available. Below is a list of alternative funding resources to consider:

- (a) ASUPS Finance Committee (asups.pugetsound.edu/finance)
- (b) ASUPS Cultural Competency Programmer (asupscpp@pugetsound.edu)
- (c) Center for Intercultural and Civic Engagement (cice@pugetsound.edu)
- (d) Resident Housing Association (reslife@pugetsound.edu)

Deadline

Please submit a completed application by mid-October for the Fall cycle, and by mid-February for the Spring cycle. Current deadline dates/times are available on the ASUPS website at asups.pugetsound.org. Applications should be submitted to asupsdsi@pugetsound.edu.

Application materials

Please submit the following materials:

For the following questions, please provide answers in no more than 250 words on a separate paper:

- First and Last name, Gender Pronouns
- Have you met with the Director of Student Interests? If not please include available times for an appointment.
- Short description of your project
- How will this project benefit students, faculty, staff, and the campus as a whole?
- What aspect of diversity, identity, social justice or inclusiveness does this project seek to address?
- To what extent does the project advance the University's sustainability efforts and meet the priorities for improvement as may be outlined by the University's Diversity Strategic Plan and ASUPS' Equity Strategic Plan?

- Include letters of support from any club, organization, or department you are applying with (if applicable).
- Does the success of the project depend on the collaboration with other departments or actors? If so, please provide letters of reference indicating their willingness to collaborate.
- Is this project a capital project or an event/campaign project?
- Will your project require on-going upkeep? If so, please outline your plan to ensure project continuity.
- Include a statement of accessibility. Are you prepared to make any accommodations necessary?
- Please attach a detailed project timeline, with final completion date (dates for events/campaigns, work timeline, and completion date for capital projects).
- What is your total estimated cost? Please attach a detailed accounting of your potential budget.
- Have you sought additional funding through campus departments other than ASUPS? How much money have you received?