

JHAA Student Grants

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What is the JHAA Student Grants Program?

A committee of the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association Council.

A group that is responsible for the distribution of \$62,500 to student groups annually.

An attempt to support vibrant student life and activities across all 9 divisions.

FAST FACTS

Last year, we had almost 100 applications.

This year, we will be capping the number of applications at 150. **Submit your application as soon as possible!**

The maximum award amount is \$1,500.

In an attempt to distribute funds to more groups, we use a tiered system where lower scoring applications may still receive some funding.

We consistently give some funding to at least 50% of applicants.

We have funded everything from portable planetariums and international medical initiatives to acapella concerts and virtual and in-person event costs

Application Timeline

- September 15th : Applications Opened
- September 23nd : Zoom Information Session 1
- September 27th : Zoom Information Session 2
- October 18th : Application Closes
- October 23th : Applications Reviewed
- November 20th : Awards Announcement
- January – August : Groups Complete Events and Submit Final Reports

Application Questions

- General Information About Your Student Group
- Cost Center/Internal Order Fund Numbers
- Staff/Faculty Liaison/Advisor/Project Manager (optional)
- Project Basics: Dates, Locations, Primary Activity Description
- Project Details: Why is this project important to your group?
 - If this project was done in the past and was impacted by COVID, what lessons were learned and what is your plan B should there be a resurgence.
- Project Developers
- Project Audience
- JHAA Recognition
- Budget

Special Considerations

Did you receive a student grant during the 2019 or 2020 cycles?

Was your project rescheduled for the 2021 academic year?

Were the funds granted to this project spent?

- If the money was not spent you can still apply for a grant, but for a different part of your project that will deepen the impact of your project.
- You will also need to document the funds that were unused in your budget. We **HIGHLY** encourage using the budget template provided.

Reviewer Criteria

All applications are reviewed by at least 2 alumni members on the Student Grants Committee on many aspects on a largely objective scale and receive a numeric value.

If the two reviewers differ by 10 points or more a 3rd reviewer is asked to review.

All 2 or 3 scores are averaged for the score of the application.

Following this slide we will review each of those scoring criteria

Rubric can be found [HERE](#)

ENHANCING THE
PRIMARY GOAL

MULTIPLE
DIVISIONS

STUDENT
PARTICIPATION

LARGER
COMMUNITY

Does the project enhance the primary goal the group stated (can range from academics to community service)?

No particular primary goal is given greater weight than another

There is additional weight given to projects that work across multiple divisions.

This is directly related to the ONEHopkins University goal

How many students will be participating and how many will be reached at the event?

Even if small numbers of Hopkins students are involved, serving the larger community is still an admirable and desirable goal.

**PUBLICITY FOR
JHAA**

How will the Alumni Association is recognized before, during, and after the event or project?

**FUNDING FROM
OTHER SOURCES**

This shows organizational capacity as well as public support for the project. Want to make sure that you are not relying on the grant for funding

**VALUE ADDED
FROM GRANT**

Simultaneously, we do want to see that the JHAA funding is actually needed and will fund critical parts of the event.

BUDGET CLARITY

Is the budget well put together and easy to read? We want to be aware of where the funding is going.

PROMOTE JHAA GOALS

This section asks applicants if the project builds community, lifelong involvement, and other JHAA goals.

FEASIBILITY

Simply put: is the project feasible? If it has been done before or has a realistic scope, likely yes.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

This is the only truly subjective assessment that an evaluator will be making and it is required to be accompanied by a comment on the project. This allows reviewers to “boost” a project that they feel has a strong overall application or “ding” a project they feel has not been strong.

BUDGET

Budget has been one of the most difficult aspects of applications. We strongly recommend using the budget template found [HERE](#)

There are also examples “good” budgets that include:

- Clear organizational structure
- Itemized and specific sections
- Easy to follow and read
- Logical and supported
 - i.e. – numbers are supported/reasonable and not made up

Common Questions

- What types of projects/events the Alumni Association is looking to support?
- Has the types of projects/events JHAA is willing to support changed due to COVID? Will you fund in-person events?
- Can you provide more information about the financial accounts we need to participate?
- What are the tiers of grant funding typically like?
- How can we reach out to alumni about our projects?
- Will exposure assessments and/or method development type proposals be considered?
- If two groups are collaborating, do they need to send in separate grant requests or can they only submit one?

QUESTIONS?

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Website: <https://alumni.jhu.edu/studentgrants>

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