The Student Opportunity Grant Deadline for 2019/2020 is:

**March 16th, 2020.**

**STUDENT OPPORTUNITY GRANT:** POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The McMaster Science Society (MSS) is dedicated to supporting enrichment opportunities for full-time undergraduate students. This year, $9,400 has been allocated to our Student Opportunity Grants, which supports participation in events that provide enrichment to academic and/or professional development. Common examples include conferences, workshops, volunteer or unpaid internship trips, and case competition events.

The following will **not** be eligible to be funded:

* Tuition, course material fees (ex. textbooks), co-op, practicum fees, tutoring, or preparatory courses and related materials
* Standardized testing fees (ex. for the MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, DAT, etc.)
* Any opportunities in which the individual is receiving payment for their involvement
* Any opportunity for which the individual is receiving course credit for their involvement (ex. field courses)
* Costs of alcoholic beverages, food and household living expenses
* Costs of unticketed transportation (ex. gas for driving)

Submitted grants must be for one opportunity only. The opportunity for which funding is being awarded must have taken place between April 1st 2019 and March 31st 2020. Individuals attending events as a team must apply for the grant **individually**, and only claim their portion of shared costs. A student who is rejected may reapply for the lowest funding tier, or be considered in full for a new and alternative opportunity. No opportunity will ever be funded in full, and funding allocated to one individual will never exceed $300.

In order to apply for support from this fund, you must complete a grant application and submit it to Jordan Germann, the MSS VP Finance via email at [vpfinance@mcmastersciencesociety.com](mailto:vpfinance@mcmastersciencesociety.com). The MSS VP Finance will review the application with an additional 2 members of the MSS for a total of 3 reviewers per application. All decisions regarding the allocation of funds are based on the quality of the application and the cost of the opportunity; these decisions are final. A strong application demonstrates critical reflection on the value of the opportunity.

When completing the application form, please note that you **MUST** attach documentation supporting each component of your funding request. Proof of purchase is necessary - if an opportunity has not yet taken place, the application will still be received and reviewed but a cheque will not be written until proof of cost is submitted. All inquiries regarding the application process should be forwarded to Jordan Germann.**STUDENT OPPORTUNITY GRANT:** APPLICATION

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Provide a brief summary of the opportunity.

What skills or tangible benefit will you gain from this experience? (200 words max)

Describe how this opportunity contributes to your future career or goals. (200 words max)

Please extend this table if more space is required and provide detailed descriptions.

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Please declare any other financial support you have received for your opportunity

Please provide a link with further information about your opportunity if possible.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR EACH COMPONENT OF YOUR FUNDING REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS WITHOUT SUCH DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**