

2017 SIF Disbursement Application

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **May 19th, 2017 AT 11:59PM**

The Caltech Student Investment Fund (SIF) annually awards money to Caltech clubs for equipment purchases and certain club activities. Your request for funding must coincide with the spirit of SIF disbursement philosophies as described below.

(1) Your organization must be self-sustaining. The SIF believes that any organization, whatever its cause or purpose, must not have its success and livelihood depend upon the charity of others. Thus, your organization should have a competent treasurer who plans budgets, estimates cash flows, and keeps the organization in good financial health.

(2) Your organization should be open to the entire Caltech community. Our definition for “openness” is stricter than that of ASCIT; we believe your organization should actively engage people who would potentially be interested in your organization.

(3) Your organization must have a well-defined focus. It can provide members of the Caltech community an opportunity to service others, it can provide services to the Caltech community, or it can allow individuals to participate in activities that are not sponsored or provided by Caltech.

(4) Your organization must be active. It should provide the services that it promises to provide, and it should maintain an active member roster.

(5) The request should be for a one-time only capital expenditure. A capital expenditure is considered to be an expense for a physical good that will be useful to the organization for an extended period of time. We will not fund activities that the organization participates in on a regular basis. For example:

- If you are the Dining Club, we will not consider funding your trip to eat at a French restaurant.
- If you are the Flying Team, we will consider funding a flight simulator.
- If you are the Kung Fu Club, we will consider funding a set of sparring pads.

(6) The request should not be for equipment/activities that should be ordinarily purchased/funded using the organization's own resources. We expect most organizations to collect membership fees or seek funding from other resources in order to provide valuable services to its members. For example:

- If you are the Running Team, we will not buy customized jerseys for your current members.
- If you are Booty House, we will not fund your alley events.

(7) The expenditure must have a direct and preferably long-term impact on the organization's success.

Finally, your club must have a Bursar's account. To setup an account, visit Malina Chang in the Dean's Office.

Awarded disbursements must be claimed from Beth Larranaga no later than December 31, 2017. No extensions or exceptions will be granted for claiming disbursements after this date.

Disbursements Application Form

Name of Organization:

Club Bursars Account Number:

Executive Officers (name, position):

Contact Person (with e-mail address):

Amount Requested:

Reasons for Requesting Funding:

Will you accept partial funding? (Yes or No)

Include the following documents with this application (required):

- (1) List of items to be purchased, and price quote. If sold online, please provide the link
- (2) Description of your organization, including purpose and mission
- (3) 2016-2017 membership roster (please list active members only)
- (4) 2016-2017 club-sponsored activities (including estimated number of participants)
- (5) 2016-2017 financial statement (expenditures, fund-raising, etc.)
- (6) 2017-2018 budget/activity plan (forecast)

Please submit your application electronically (zip, tar, etc.) to SIF at sif@its.caltech.edu by Friday, **May 19th, 2017 at 11:59pm**. Also, there may be special cases where your organization, by the merit of its services to the community, will be considered for disbursement regardless of the qualification of its request. Please e-mail sif@its.caltech.edu (before you submit your application) if you feel your organization deserves special attention or if you have any other questions.