

U-SPARKS Funding Grant

University Support for Pursuit of Arts, Culture and Sports

The U-SPARKS funding grant aims to assist students in initiating and organising meaningful sports, arts and cultural activities that promote active participation from the community. These activities should aim to promote sporting lifestyle, arts appreciation and cultural understanding among NUS community and beyond. Each successful application receives up to SGD\$10,000.

Objectives:

1. Build a culture of active participation in sports, arts and cultural activities
2. To aid students in initiating and organising sports, arts and cultural activities that promotes active participation from the community.
3. To support students who wish to test new ideas or develop new initiatives that will add vibrancy and benefit the campus community and beyond

Application Criteria

Application period opens from 1 October to 30 November 2017.

(Applications outside of the application window period may still be considered, subject to availability of funds and must be submitted at least eight weeks before project commencement)

SPORTS	OR	ARTS AND CULTURE
Participation in Competitions/Events (highlighting NUS internationally or nationally)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in competitive activities/events • Involvement in expeditions, both in Singapore and/or Overseas 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in recreational and/or competitive activities/events/performances • Involvement in arts festivals, both in Singapore and/or Overseas
Recreational Activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational sporting activities/events that encourage active involvement and participation from the community • Sporting activities/events with meaningful causes that promote sporting inspiration to the community 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational arts activities/events that encourage active involvement and participation from the community. (e.g: large-scale theatrical productions) • Learn-to-play programmes (e.g, Acapella workshops) that promote arts to the community
Educational and Developmental Programmes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting programme (e.g, lactic acid threshold testing/sharing) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Programme relating to market and audience development (e.g, technical course, market development workshops)

Eligibility / Criteria

NUS Students or Student Groups applying for the U-SPARKS should meet the following criteria:

- Full-time NUS undergraduates
- Students must submit applications with required supporting documents to OSA at least eight weeks before commencement of projects
- Contributions to the creative development/ appreciation of culture, sports, performing, visual and literary arts (may include practice and curating) on campus and beyond.
- Projects and competitions that promote sporting lifestyle, arts appreciation and cultural understanding among the NUS students and community may be considered.
- Proposed Sports, Arts or Culture development project must promote active participation from the community.
- Past records of related experience showcasing achievements, leadership and organizational skills will also be taken into consideration.
- All events, activities and/or programmes are to be approved and mentored by a NUS staff from faculty, department or hall etc.

Post Project Requirements

Post Project

Recipients of U-SPARKS awards are required to submit, in both hard and soft copies, to OSA within one month from the completion of the project:

- Completion of the evaluation report using the attached template provided
- All original invoices or Request for Payment (RFP) forms with supporting original receipts
- An event article and 10 best project photos with captions. These may be used for publicity and reporting purposes by the University

Sharing with the Community

- Selected applicants are strongly encouraged to share their learning with other NUS community via website, talks, workshops, exhibitions. Applicants and Staff Advisors are to search and keep a look out for suitable platforms for sharing to the NUS community. OSA will also recommend any suitable platforms (if any).
- Applicant and/or Staff Advisor is to submit sharing materials / photos / information to OSA.

Click [here](#) to download the application form.

For enquiries, contact Hyzue at 6601-3408 or email hyzue@nus.edu.sg or

community.engagement@nus.edu.sg