



OSOT FUNDING SUPPORT TO STUDENT DIRECTED INITIATIVES

Each year the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists allocates up to \$500 to support student led or directed activity that contributes to the student experience of occupational therapy students at each Ontario university program.

What does Student Initiative Funding Support?

The Society is interested in contributing to the student experience of OT students across the province. Recognizing that each student body may see ways in which to enrich the student experience differently, the Society does not place restriction on the type of activity that can be funded except for the following;

- Funded activity must support the student experience of OT Students in the program and this must be confirmed by the OSOT Student Liaisons or student government body that is applying for funds. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the proposed activity/use is acceptable to the student body at large.
- Funding activity or use should provide an opportunity for recognition of OSOT support and proposed activities/uses must meet with the Society's standards of professionalism.
- Funding applications will be submitted in keeping with application guidelines and will be reviewed and approved by the OSOT Executive Director.
- Examples of previously funded activities/uses include:
 - Support to student orientation activities
 - Support to student graduation activities
 - Support to team-building/relationship building activities of classes
 - Support to professional promotion activities of student body
 - Support to a professional development activity planned by or open to students – e.g. a workshop, lecture

How to apply for Student Initiative Funding

- Student initiative funding may be applied for at any time during the Society's fiscal year from October 1st – September 30th.
- A written proposal/application is requested to clearly document the initiative/proposed use, the costs/budget for the initiative and impact on the student body. This need not be a lengthy proposal but should address the following headings:
 - Project/initiative description
 - Rationale for project or proposed use of funds & indication of support of student body
 - Project/initiative budget and funding support requested
 - Project/initiative timelines
 - Implementation strategy (as appropriate)
 - Key Contacts and contact information
- The application/proposal should be submitted to the OSOT Office (osot@osot.on.ca) at last one month in advance of the need for funding.
- If not submitted by the OSOT Student Liaisons, the application should be copied to these individuals.

If you have questions related to the application and administration of this funding option, please contact our office at osot@osot.on.ca or 416-322-3011.