

Criteria for the Academic Activity Grant 2017

The Student Union of the University of Oulu (OYY) grants funding for student organisations within the Student Union to support the organisations' principal activities. The association that applies for the funding has to be committed to the values of OYY that are openness, courage, effectiveness, and sense of community.

The associations applying for the funding have to fill in a form in the Society Portal (*järjestöportaali* in Finnish) before the deadline. OYY's Executive Board decides annually about the application dates. In 2017 the application round closes on the 23rd of April. The amount of funding is based to the criteria listed below. OYY may use its discretion when deciding about the grants.

Associations that have a right to apply for the Academic Activity Grant

Those registered associations that have entered their information to OYY's Society Portal at the beginning of the year are entitled to apply for the Academic Activity Grants. The associations that have been granted OYY's Special Grant for 2017 cannot apply for the Academic Activity Grants. The association has to file in the following attachments to the Society Portal:

1. a copy of the notice to the Register of Associations
2. an action plan for the current year
3. a budget for the current accounting period
4. a financial statement of the last accounting period
5. an annual report of the last year of activity

If the revenue of the association is more than 100,000 euros, the association cannot be awarded with the Academic Activity Grant. However, the association can be awarded with Academic Activity Grant if the revenue of the last year has been exceptionally large because of, for example, the association's annual celebration or some other big event. In this case the association should also send the financial statement of previous year and give details about the association's revenue from last year.

OYY's rights when awarding the grants

The Student Union of the University of Oulu has the right to check the applicant's bookkeeping, finances, and other related documents. If asked, receipts of expenses must be represented. If the funding is used for other purposes than originally reported or the association has deliberately given false information, the awarded grants can be collected back and the association can be banned for a time from applying funding.

A detailed account will be asked from the association before demanding a return of the granted funding or banning the association from applying further funding. The request for the account will be sent to the persons entitled to sign for the association and an answer must be provided within 30 days. If necessary, the request will be sent by the Executive Board of the Student Union.

The amount of Academic Activity Grant

The budgeted amount of Academic Activity Grants is divided into two parts: Academic Activity Grant for subject societies and the Academic Activity Grant for interest societies.

The amount of the grant for an individual association depends on the points that are given to the association based on the activity that the association has informed in the application. All the points of the applicants in the same class applying for the Academic Activity Grant are summed up and the number is divided by the amount of grants, so that the result will be “the monetary value of one point”.

With every applicant, it will be evaluated how systematic the activities and finances of an association are, and how the last year’s grant has been used. When evaluating the activity of each association, the differences (for example, the number of members) between the applicants will be taken into account. The applicants will be informed about the made decisions, and the decisions will include the grounds on which they have been made.

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