University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization
Grants and Awards Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply? Any student enrolled in a graduate degree program that pays the Graduate Student Organization Fee each semester is eligible to apply.

How do I apply? Log into your UH STAR account, click on the ‘Scholarships’ tab, complete the log in requirement, search for ‘GSO’, and complete the application. Be sure to visit the GSO Funding website for complete application instructions.

How many times can I apply for a GSO grant? You can apply for and be awarded one grant per semester.

When can I apply? Applications are reviewed each month of the regular academic year for a total of 10 review sessions. Please visit the GSO website for deadline information. Applications can be submitted up to 6 months before or after an activity takes place.

What types of things can a GSO grant help pay for? Grants are typically awarded to cover travel for a conference, special training courses, or research. Grants are also often applied to research materials and supplies.

What types of things can a GSO grant not help pay for? Grants cannot be applied to ground transportation (i.e. trains, buses, taxis, etc.), per diem, food, or any other living expenses.

How much can I apply for? You can apply for up to $1000 for any activity taking place in the United States, including territories (i.e. Puerto Rico and Guam). For international activities, you can apply for up to $2000. A minimum of $250 will be awarded to approved domestic applications, and a minimum of $500 to international applications.

What information and/or materials do I need to apply? The application is composed of 4 parts: the actual application with general information and project abstracts, a cover letter, a budget with justification, and 2 letters of recommendation. If attending a conference, an acceptance letter is also required. Some color groups may require additional information as supplemental materials, which may include cost verification, proof of conference registration, flight comparisons, etc. Please contact your department representative for further information.

Who is my GSO department representative? A current list of all department representatives can be found on the GSO website under the ‘Your GSO’ tab.

What color group am I in? A list of color groups and their departments can be found on the GSO website under the ‘Funding’ tab.

Please visit gso.hawaii.edu and meet with your department representative for more information.