
Frequently Asked Questions – SPS Academic & Professional Development Grant

I am in my first semester at SPS. Am I eligible to apply for the grant?

No. Students in their first semester at SPS are not eligible to apply for the Academic & Professional Development Grant. Students must have completed at least 12 credits towards their degree by the beginning of the term and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in order to receive the grant.

Can previous recipients of the grant re-apply?

Previous recipients of the SPS Academic & Professional Development Grant are not eligible to re-apply.

How are grant awards processed?

Awards will ONLY be processed as reimbursements. If selected as a recipient, receipt(s) for awarded expenses MUST be provided to show proof of payment.

What is the maximum amount a student can be awarded?

The maximum amount a student may request is \$3,000, and students may be given partial awards to the amount requested. Students are responsible for submitting a budget containing the actual (or reasonably estimated) costs tied to their academic and/or professional development opportunity. (Note: This is a total budget and not reflective of the amount, if awarded, you will receive.)

I applied for the grant. When can I expect to hear back?

Decisions are typically sent two to three weeks past the application deadline for that given semester.

When is the grant offered?

The APD Grant is offered every Fall, Spring, and Summer semester unless otherwise noted.

Can international students apply for the grant?

Absolutely! The APD Grant is open to all SPS students who meet the eligibility requirements. Please note that international students awarded funding may be subject to a tax withholding up to 14% of their grant amount, as outlined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

What are some examples of projects/opportunities that have been awarded?

Take a look at our [Spring 2022](#) and [Summer 2022](#) Academic and Professional Development Grant recipients to see what opportunities we have previously awarded.

Is your question not listed? Email us at sps-scholarships@columbia.edu.