PURPOSE

The purpose of the Department of Recreational Sports Developmental Grant Program is to support and promote continuing education and professional development. The program’s aim is to provide funding for our students/part-time staff/volunteers to participate in programs and activities that will be of benefit to the Department and its members.

ELIGIBILITY

All part-time employees who are actively employed by the Department of Recreational Sports for a minimum of six months are eligible to submit an application. The six months begin with the first documented day of pay and must be completed on or prior to the application deadline. Sport Club members must be actively engaged in volunteering for a minimum of six months. Applicants must have a positive work history and may not be under disciplinary probation nor have been suspended or terminated by any area in the Department. No individual is eligible to receive a grant more than once per academic year. Non-student employees are limited to being funded twice. Each award must be separated by two years.

APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES

The following is a generic list of the type of activities that have been funded in the past:
1. Attendance at local, state, regional or national seminars, workshops, and conferences dealing with Recreational Sports, sport management, fitness, outdoor recreation, officiating, aquatics and current issues relevant to the campus community. This includes but is not limited to diversity, risk management, people with disabilities, etc.
2. Attendance at training/certification programs which would enable the grant recipient to provide a service, educate, train or certify Rec Members.
3. Assistance bringing a professional speaker, coach, trainer, etc. to campus to speak to your group/organization.

COST LIMITATIONS

Requests may be fully, partially or not funded. It is typically expected that applicants pay at least a nominal amount towards total costs. Recommended exceptions to these guidelines will be made by the Developmental Grant Committee on an individual basis with the final approval for all funding resting with the Executive Director of Recreational Sports.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Funding will adhere strictly to Texas A&M University rules and regulations and may only be used for specific date(s), activity and purposes* listed on application. Changes must receive written approval from committee chair. (*Ex: funds designated for lodging may not be used for food.) Receipts must be turned in within one week of approved activity. All remaining funds must be returned. If funds are used for certification, recipient must pass exam. If activity takes place during semester break, recipient must return funds if they do not pass. In some cases, recipient may be reimbursed after event.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are available from your supervisor, online, or in Rec Center room 202. Application must be submitted by 5pm on dates below TO YOUR DIRECT SUPERVISOR (Mail Stop 4250). Late applications will not be reviewed. Please allow adequate time for your supervisor’s signature. All applicants must also submit résumé that includes their Rec Sports work history.

FUNDING CONSIDERATION

Selection for awards will be made three times per year. To be considered for funding, applications must be turned in by the deadlines listed and the conference, workshop, etc. must be completed by August 31, 2018.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
October 20, 2017 at 5pm
March 23, 2018 at 5pm

INTERVIEW Dates
October 25 & 26, 2017
March 28 & 29, 2018

Supervisor Deadline — 12pm to Jason Kurten on the Monday after application deadline. *Interviews will be scheduled within one week of application deadline. If candidate is not available to interview on date specified, they must apply for reimbursement during next application period.

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

All applicants will be contacted via e-mail to sign up for a presentation time with the Developmental Grant Committee. Each applicant should prepare a computer presentation lasting approximately 10 minutes. A computer will be available for utilizing PowerPoint, etc. After the presentation, the committee will ask a series of follow-up questions. Attire is professional.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Individuals who receive funds are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on Texas A&M and the department. Your attendance, attentiveness and preparedness at the event/certification, attitude, behavior, attire, etc. may be subject to review. If it is determined by the committee that the recipient did not conduct themselves in a positive manner, funding may be revoked and/or other disciplinary action may be taken by your supervisor.

FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION

A written evaluation/report must be submitted to the Developmental Grant Committee comprised of full-time Recreational Sports staff. For more information, please contact the Committee Chairperson, Jason Kurten at jkurten@tamu.edu.
Department of Recreational Sports
Developmental Grant Application

Name

E-mail

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

UIN

Check one or more

Enrolled at Texas A&M

Not Enrolled at Texas A&M

Anticipated end of employment

Major

Initial date of employment/volunteering for the Department of Recreational Sports

Applicant must be actively employed/volunteered for a minimum of six months prior to applying. For employees, the six months begins with the first documented day of pay and must be completed on or prior to the application deadline. Clarification: The date you were placed on payroll might not be considered as part of the six months if there was a significant delay between the payroll processing and actual date/time of first day of work.

Area of Work/Volunteerism

(List all areas of work)

Title of Current Position

Name of Conference or Activity

Date(s) of Activity

Location/City of Activity

Grant Request

Have you received a developmental grant in the past?

YES

NO

If yes, please indicate semester and year

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Supervisor

Date

Office use only

Amount Recommended

Mr. Dennis Corrington

Executive Director, Recreational Sports

Developmental Grant Committee Chair

NOTE: A report of your activity must be submitted to Jason Kurten (jkurten@tamu.edu), Developmental Grant Committee Chairperson, within three weeks of the completion of your activity or receipt of results from testing or certification.
Required: Attach a copy of brochure, registration form, or other document that provides information about the conference, workshop, seminar, etc.

Is this conference, workshop, seminar, etc. eligible for an educational discount?

Yes  No  (Contact supervisor if unsure)

What is the primary purpose of this conference, workshop, seminar, etc?

How will this conference, workshop, seminar, etc. enhance/improve your working conditions/environment/skills?

Once completed, how will the knowledge you gained benefit the Department of Recreational Sports and the members of the Rec Center?

Itemized Request:

Registration:  
Lodging:  
Transportation:  
Training Materials:  
Total:  

Attach additional pages if necessary