

Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Spring 2019

▼ Submitter

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▼ 1. Basic Details

Activity Title

Model United Nations

Activity/Event Date

Nov 2019, Feb 2020, April 2020

Date Funding Needed By

7/1/2019

Previously Funded?

- ☐ No
☒ Yes

▼ Previously Funded Proposal

Semester/Year

AY 2018-19

Proposal # (if known)

1009, 890

Report submitted for previously Funded Activity?

- ☐ No
☒ Yes

Please upload a copy of the report

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Additional Report #1

[Model UN reflection papers spring 2018.docx](#)

Additional Report #2

[Model UN reflection papers fall 2017.docx](#)

Additional Report #3

Additional Proposers

Dr. Christopher Scholl

Academic Program(s)/Center Name(s)

Estimated total Course Fee revenue

0

Amount Requested from IRA

46,066

Estimated Number of Students Participating

15

▼ 2. Brief Activity Description

Describe the activity and its relationships to the educational objectives of the students' program or major

Brief Activity Description

Model UN has become a signature program of the Political Science and Global Studies programs and a premier learning, leadership, and mentorship experience for students across all majors. Model UN events are academic conferences for students for which they engage in research and then discussion about the global community's most pressing problems. The conferences provide students with a unique opportunity to develop an understanding of the complexity of specific issue-areas in global politics. Benefits for students include skill development in research, conflict analysis, thinking from different perspectives, negotiation, and public speaking. Students are also able to interact with a diverse range of students from around the country. These are all qualities that benefit any major, as well as more specifically related political science majors, communications majors and global studies majors and minors. However, we encourage interdisciplinarity in the team, and as part of the application and selection process always choose a team from a cross section of majors. Participating students are enrolled in POLS 427, a 3-unit course.

This application is for funding to take students to one Model UN event in fall, the Northwest MUN in Seattle, and two in the spring: the National Model UN-West conference in Portland, Oregon, and Model UN of the Far West in Burlingame. The budget below is estimated for fifteen students and two faculty.

By receiving funding to keep the program running as a program, we have been able to include many students from diverse backgrounds and to build leadership skills of those who do return. For example, several students have been selected to staff the conferences.

▼ 3. Learning Outcomes and Relation of IRA to Course Offerings

All IRAs must be integrally related to the formal instructional offerings of the University and must be associated with scheduled credit courses.

1. Please list all classes that directly relate to the proposed activity.
2. For each class listed, describe in detail how exactly the IRA activity will be integrated with the class's activities, how often/ on what expected date(s), and to what extent

Learning Outcomes and Relation of IRA to Course Offerings

Model UN is integrally related to several courses: POLS 427: Model UN offered each semester. Students who participate this spring will be enrolled in that course. POLS 329, International Law and Organizations, is offered most academic years. In addition, the subject matter for all Model UN conferences is germane to POLS 103, Introduction to International Relations (offered every semester). Further, it is related to the subject matter in COMM 320, Persuasion & Argumentation, COMM 340 Conflict Management and Mediation and COMM 430 Political Communication.

The direct relationship is with POLS 427. The conferences are an integral part of the course and all course work prepares students for the topics at the conferences. We meet each Friday for 2 hours during the semester to prepare, and after the conferences to debrief and engage in writing activities to assess.

The SLOs are as follows.

Upon leaving the course, students should be able to:

- present a country background brief
- articulate the positions of assigned countries on selected global issues based on their research;
- debate the pros and cons of the issues and resolutions to those issues with delegates from other countries;
- negotiate solutions and compromises to the issues under scrutiny;
- write a United Nations resolution in proper format in a collaborative setting

▼ 4. Activity Assessment

Describe the assessment process and measures that the program will use to determine if it has attained its educational goals.

Please note that a report will be due at the end of the semester.

Description of Assessment Process

As noted, the primary educational goals for participation in Model UN are skill development in policy research, conflict analysis, thinking from different perspectives, negotiation, and public speaking. Students are graded for the courses based on their exhibition of these skills and papers they write to prepare for the conference. Students also write a reflection paper on their participation.

▼ 5. Activity Budget

Please enclose a complete detailed budget of the entire activity. Indicate specific items that you are requesting IRA to fund.

You should use either the Regular Activity budget (for events on campus) or -- if your event involves any travel-- you **MUST** use the IRA Travel Budget Form.

You can download both of the IRA Excel Budget sheets at <http://www.csuci.edu/ira/application.htm>.

Activity Budget

[ira-travel-budget-form-ModelUN_ay19-20.xlsx](#)

▼ 6. International Trips

If your event is an international trip submitted through the Center for International Affairs, you must include copies of:

1. Complete Center for International Affairs/ UNIV 392 proposal
2. The program budget as submitted to the Center for International Affairs (to ensure congruency between the two budgets)
3. as well as a copy of the course syllabus

Center for International Affairs Budget

Copy of Center for International Affairs Proposal

Course Syllabus

Certification

☐ I certify that students attending this trip are not previous or repeat attendees of a prior International UNIV 392 Trip

▼ 7. Sources of Activity Support

Please list the other sources of funding (including course fees), and exact expected amounts of additional support for the activity. Please indicate if there are no other sources of funding

Other Sources of Funding

The Political Science program funds the faculty to teach the course. IRA funds are the main source of funds. Requests by the program through the regular budgeting process have not been funded by the dean of Arts and Sciences.

▼ 8. Promoting Participation

What is your intended audience and how do you intend to market this to your students?

We aim to recruit students who have taken the prerequisite courses, POLS 103 or GLST 200. We advertise the application process to current and former students in these courses via face-to-face, email, and CI Learn email contacts. We also post the call for applications each semester on the Political Science Facebook page and the CI News page.

If this is an event that is off campus, how do you plan to bring back the benefit of this event to campus?

Model UN students bring back the benefits of their Model UN experience by contributing to classes and participating in International Week presentations. Students who participate in the Model UN experience show a marked improvement in class engagement and leadership, in their other International Relations and Comparative Politics courses. Also, Model UN students hold presentations during the campus-wide International Week. In these presentations, students make posters or other kinds of presentations about the issues that they studied and negotiated on at the conferences.

▼ 9. Sustainability

If appropriate, indicate how the content or delivery of the project promotes sustainability at CI.

Sustainability

The focus of the conference deliberations usually involves environmental issues, but beyond that Model UN does not focus on sustainability at CI.

▼ 10. Approval and Acknowledgement

Program Chair/Director

Kelly, Sean Q

Dean

Adler, Mary

Conditions and Considerations

☐ **Artist/Performer/Speaker Fees & Honoraria:** On the Activity Budget, please indicate whether the vendor's price was set by you/CI Representative, or is a fee that was set by the vendor.

☐ **Large Event:** For a large event, consultation with the campus Event Coordinator's office at (805)437-8548 is required.

☒ **Field Trip:** Sponsor must comply with all policies found at:

<http://www.csuci.edu/rm/programs/academic-field-trip-guidelines-and-forms.htm>. If approved, Identified Risks of Participation and Release Agreement must be submitted for each student to the Program Office (Public Folders-HR Forms).

☐ **Involves Human Subject Data Collection for Public Dissemination -Requires IRB Approval :** If Project Sponsor proposes to conduct research with human participants, the proposal may be subject to Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB) review. All research that involves any type of interaction with human subjects - from simple surveys to complex biomedical procedures - must be reviewed and approved by the IRB prior to starting the research. Data for "Public Dissemination" indicates interviews/surveys that result in a journal/poster session/newsletter, etc.

☐ **IT Requirements:** If your activity has IT requirements, coordination with and approval from IT Administration is required.

☐ **International Travel:** Requires International Travel application be submitted to Center for International Affairs. Include

copy of CIA budget and course syllabus in your IRA application. Must utilize the University's Foreign Travel Insurance Program (FTIP) and follow all International Travel Guidelines listed at: <http://www.csuci.edu/rm/insurance/foreign-travel.htm>

☐ **Risk Management Consultation:** Events that involve or engage students directly with a performer or artist (i.e. in a workshop or other than as a passive audience member) will require consultation with Risk Management. Requires proof of correspondence with Risk Management.

☐ **Space/Facilities Services Requirements:** Consultation and coordination with Facilities Services is required.

Acknowledgement

☒ I acknowledge that I have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations herein. Please check off boxes as appropriate.

▼ Chair Review

Recommendation

- ☒ I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
- ☐ I DO NOT recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page

Comments

 Sean Kelly Sep 10 2018

▼ Dean Review

Recommendation

- ☒ I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
- ☐ I DO NOT recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page

Comments

 Marion Adler Sep 18 2018