

CAMPUS GROUPS HANDBOOK



Land Acknowledgement

Grounded together on Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional territory of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene, and Dakota Peoples, and the homeland of the Métis, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) works to reaffirm and strengthen relationships with Indigenous Peoples and communities.

We call upon students, staff, and faculty to recognize the colonial nature of institutionalized knowledge and to consider creative ways in which their education can aid in the ongoing processes of decolonization.

Through coming together in gratitude, humility, and respect for learning, we actively remember and work to dismantle colonialism, institutional racism, and oppression. We will amplify student voices and the voices of the land to build and guide accessible and accountable spaces, transcending colonial binaries and divisions.

In values of sustainability, integrity, and collaboration, we commit to leading, learning, and advocating for all students.

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USSU

Our Vision

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

Our Mission

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic, and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality, accessible public education.

Our Values

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavours: innovation, integrity, mutual respect, professionalism, service, social, economic, and environmental responsibility, teamwork, and trust.

What is a Campus Group?

A campus group at USASK is an integral part of university life that helps students explore a wide array of interests and activities during their academic journey on campus.

Types of Campus Groups

- **Constituency Group:** a student organization that represents all students enrolled in their college, all international students or all Indigenous students.
- **Campus Club:** a student group that represents a particular interest among USSU members. These interests may relate to an academic program or non-academic interests, including student groups that represent academic courses.
- **Sporting Club:** a student group whose primary purpose is to organize around the playing of a particular sporting activity.
- **Cultural Club:** a student group whose primary purpose is to organize events to promote cultural diversity.

Did You Know?

The USSU ratifies approximately 150 campus groups each academic year. From sports clubs to gaming clubs, departmental groups to those celebrating cultural diversity, you're bound to find a club that piques your interest!

How much money does the USSU provide to support campus groups?

The USSU is a non-profit organization that aims to support undergraduate students at USASK. More than \$65,000 is allocated in the USSU annual budget to support the campus groups.



Contact the USSU Vice-President Operations & Finance at campus.groups@ussu.ca

Benefits for USSU Ratified Campus Groups

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Project and initiative grant - \$1,250 per group
- Discounted services at XL Print & Design
- Cash credit at the USSU's owned businesses and services
- Financial support through cash sponsorship and grants

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- Mailbox
- Web presence and Emails for campus groups
- Campus group Google account - 30 GB space
- Support and advice for conducting an election, club operation, and management

SERVICES

- Access to the Campus Club Space at Place Riel Student Centre
- Free space bookings in the Arts Tunnel, the Campus Club Space, and North Concourse in Place Riel, Louis' and Louis' Loft. Additional resources can be provided upon request (sandwich board, tables, chairs)
- Access to book space on the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon campus, according to the USASK space booking guidelines
- Equipment rentals through USSU and USASK

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- GOALS Training - Group Orientation and Leadership Sessions (GOALS) for executive members
- Governance, event planning, finances, and Equity, Diversity & Inclusion training

PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Free advertising for an event on the USSU plasma screens, website, social media, and event calendar
- Promoting ticket sales for events

INSURANCE

- Coverage General Liability Insurance (\$5,000,000) for events occurring off campus and/or involving the service or sale of alcohol

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Food and beverage catering options at USSU owned Louis' and Louis' Loft for student events
- Alcohol is not covered

AWARDS

- Recognizing the work of campus groups through awards:
- Campus group of the year
- Events of the year - promoting EDI, internationalization
- New club of the year
- The initiative of the year
- Indigenous engagement
- And more

CCR CO-CURRICULAR RECORD

- CCR credit for executive and outstanding members of the campus groups
- VP Operation and Finance will make the final decision on CCR

EXTRA PRIVILEGES FOR NEW CAMPUS GROUPS

- The USSU always wants to promote new ideas and support new campus initiatives
- If your group is new on campus or has not been ratified in the last five years, you get extra financial, administrative and promotional support through USSU
- \$200 XL Print & Design credit
- No ratification fee for new groups

HOW CAN I START A CAMPUS GROUP?



1 Think of an Idea

2

Talk to Your VP of Operations & Finance



3

Request a CG Account



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Submit Your USSUhub Ratification Application

5

Wait for Application Approval



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**When Approved,
Welcome to the USSU
CG Community!**

CONNECT WITH CAMPUS GROUPS



The eligibility criteria for a campus group to get ratified under USSU campus group policy:

1. Minimum of 10 members. 75% must be undergraduate students.
2. Executive of 4 or more people, all of whom must be members of the USSU.
3. Governing documents; Constitution
4. Bank account in the group's legal name
5. A clearly defined purpose. This purpose must not conflict with the Mission, Vision, or Value statements of the USSU or the operations of the USSU and any of the USSU's centres, businesses, or services.



APPLY HERE

Kindly check the USSU Campus groups operations policy before proceeding, or contact USSU VP Operations and Finance.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you can proceed and create a campus group account in the USSUHub.

How to request a USSUhub account for new groups?



Before requesting an account, visit the USSUHub and browse current groups to see if there is already a group with a similar mandate.

1. Go to USSUhub and fill out the account request form and submit it.
2. After receiving your USSUHub account request, the VP Operations and Finance will make a decision. An email will be delivered to you about the instructions to access the USSUHub account.
3. Your account is ready for applying for campus group ratification, grants, insurance, and more benefits in the USSUHub.



Scan the QR code to access our **YouTube playlist** and watch the how-to videos.

What is Ratification?

Ratification is the process of officially recognizing the relationship between a student group and the USSU.

How can I ratify my campus group with USSU?

All ratification applications are submitted to the USSU VP Operations and Finance through the USSUHub ratification portal.

Recurring groups do not need to request for USSUHub account every year!

For password recovery help, email campus.groups@ussu.ca or support@ussu.ca

Before You Apply for Ratification, Gather These Documents:

- ☐ The most recent governing documents of your campus group - Constitution, Bylaws, Article of Incorporation
- ☐ A list of all members in the group and their student numbers
- ☐ A list of executives and their phone numbers and NSIDs
- ☐ Draft a year plan for your group - executive meeting, annual general meeting, events
- ☐ Bank statements for all accounts maintained by the group
- ☐ A tentative annual budget
- ☐ Updated information of executives
- ☐ Election Results (PDF or screenshot)

Process of Ratification

1. Gather required documents listed above.
2. Submit these documents to your campus group account in the USSUHub.
3. The Vice-President Operations & Finance and the Campus Groups Committee will review your application.

4. Decision - Approve or Declined

- Approved - You will receive a notice to submit your ratification fee. You are a provisionally ratified USSU campus group.
- Declined - Incomplete applications and until you pay. Contact VP Operations & Finance.

5. Your group is provisionally ratified and ready to enjoy USSU ratified campus group privileges. Ratification expires on April 30 every year for all groups. Groups can renew starting May 1.

6. Now your group needs to submit the CG ratification fee within 28 days.

- The ratification fee can be submitted by e-transfer to deposits@ussu.ca or by direct payment at the USSU front office located at the Place Riel Student Centre, main floor.
- Until the end of Welcome Week of an academic year, Campus groups get 50% off their ratification fee as an early ratification discount.
- New campus groups are not charged a ratification fee.

GROUP SIZE	SUBMISSION DATE MAY 1 - SEPT 5	SUBMISSION DATE SEPT 6 - APRIL 30
0 - 500	\$50	\$100
501 - 1000	\$100	\$200
1000+	\$175	\$350
Sporting Group	\$100	\$200
New Group	\$0	\$0

Note: Constituency Association size is measured by undergraduate enrolment in the college that the association represents or by the number of students identified as belonging to the constituency's outlined membership body. The USSU uses the most recent University of Saskatchewan Census to assess the appropriate fee.

7. After submitting the ratification fee, your group will be fully ratified and now can enjoy all the benefits of USSU ratified campus groups.

Types of Campus Groups Grants

GRANT	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	APPLY AT
Project & Initiatives Grant	Maximum \$1,250 per group per year	March 30	USSUHub VP Operations & Finance and Campus Group Committee
Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression	May vary	March 30	President and Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression Committee
Sustainability Grant	May vary	March 30	VP Student Affairs & Sustainability Committee
Executive Sponsorship	May vary	Fall Events October 31 Winter Events March 30	USSUHub VP Operations & Finance and Campus Group Committee



YouTube Playlist



USSU Discord



USSUHub

GRANT	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	APPLY AT
EDI - Gender & Sexually Diverse Students	Maximum \$500 per group per year	March 30	USSUHub VP Operations & Finance and Campus Group Committee
EDI - International Students	Maximum \$500 per group per year	March 30	USSUHub VP Operations & Finance and Campus Group Committee
EDI - Indigenous Students	Maximum \$500 per group per year	March 30	USSUHub VP Operations & Finance and Campus Group Committee
EDI - Students With Disabilities	Maximum \$500 per group per year	March 30	USSUHub VP Operations & Finance and Campus Group Committee



Need help with grants for hosting an event?
Contact Office of VP Operations & Finance for further assistance.

Project & Initiatives Grant

Campus groups are entitled to a maximum combined total of \$1,250 per academic year.

This sponsorship may be used in the following way:

1. Business Credit

- Up to \$1,250 per year
- Groups may apply for credit at XL Print & Design, Louis' and Louis' Loft
- This credit will not cover alcohol costs

2. Cash Sponsorship

- Up to \$750 per year
- Groups may apply for reimbursement of cash expenses

Purchases requiring reimbursement must be made after a notice of approval has been issued by the VP Operations and Finance. These expenses will be reimbursed to the group following delivery and review of all related receipts, invoices, and proof of payment.

Note: The kinds of sponsorship described in the Project and Initiatives Grant can be used independently or combined. Your group is entitled to \$1,250 in support through the Project and Initiatives Grant.

Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression Grant

The USSU supports and promotes anti-racism and anti-oppression work reflected in student group initiatives in efforts of dismantling systemic barriers. This grant is available in addition to the \$1,250 available through the Project and Initiatives Grant. This grant is available to groups that seek to create programming and events highlighting anti-racism and anti-oppression advocacy.

Sustainability Grant

Campus groups are encouraged to maintain environmentally sustainable operations in the campus community.

Executive Sponsorship

Each year, the USSU Executive Committee supports campus group events. This sponsorship is limited and the decision is made by the executive committee.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Grants

The USSU supports and encourages the work of student groups in critical areas of importance. These grants are available in addition to the \$1,250 available through the Project and Initiatives Grant. These grants are available to groups with events/projects that promote specific EDI initiatives. The premise of these events must surround promoting these causes, and there must be an active role in advocating for these specific communities:

1. Gender & Sexually Diverse Students (max. \$500 per group per year)
2. International Students (max. \$500 per group per year)
3. Indigenous Students (max. \$500 per group per year)
4. Students with Disabilities (max. \$500 per group per year)

A learning component for an EDI grant must be designed to ensure that participants acquire knowledge, skills, or awareness that support long-term efforts toward equity, diversity, and inclusion. This may include workshops and training, mentorship or coaching, curriculum development, facilitated discussions, or panel events.

Applications that focus on social events or activities lacking these educational components may still be considered under the Projects and Initiatives category; however, they may not be eligible for funding under the EDI grant.

Inviting members of an equity-deserving group, such as international students, Indigenous students, gender and sexually diverse students, or students with disabilities, to attend or participate in an event does not, in itself, make the project eligible for EDI Grant funding.

Fundraisers will not receive EDI Grant funding, but will be considered under the Projects and Initiatives Grants.

EDI grants are competitive and will be allocated equitably at the discretion of the Campus Groups Committee. There is no guarantee that campus groups that apply will receive these funds.



How to Apply for Insurance

Scan the QR code to access our YouTube playlist and watch the how-to video on applying for event insurance.

What is the Process for Grant Applications?

1. Login to your account in the USSUHub.
2. Go to the grants tab.
3. Check the documents required.
 - a) Pre-funding application
 - b) Post funding application
 - Event report form
 - Cheque requisition form
4. Submit these documents in the USSUHub.
5. Submit your application.
6. Vice President Operations & Finance and Campus Group Committee will review your application.
7. A decision will be made.
 - Approved - Notice for grant approval will be sent to the Campus Group
 - Declined - Contact Vice President Operations & Finance for further information
8. After completing the event, submit the documents (late submission or failure to submit the post-funding application will result in forfeiture of funding).
 - Post funding application
 - Event report form
 - Disbursement request form
9. Your group will be contacted regarding the disbursement of the funds.
10. For all the updates, check the USSUHub funding portal and your group's @ussu.ca email.

Louis' Student Event Tips

1. Louis' is a 19+ venue after 8:00 pm.

If not otherwise specified, your event will always have a 19+ age restriction. Louis' does not do all-ages concerts, and does not have a wristband service for liquor service.

2. Campus groups get to use Louis' for free for events.

In-house P.A system, podium, projector, and basic microphone setup.

*Live music requires a concert P.A system and a contracted technician to operate it, the cost of this is \$350 plus tax.

3. If you have multiple performances at your event, be prepared and organized.

Additional live music performances require additional technicians and cost upwards of \$550 plus tax. Ensure everyone involved knows the order of events.

4. Always send your event details to Louis' management.

Details should be confirmed no later than 3 days prior to your event.

Details include the number of tickets sold, program times, meal orders with final numbers, and anything else the team should know about.

5. Send all promotional materials to Louis' management.

These will be posted on several electronic and social media platforms. Physical flyers can be hung up around the venue.

6. Music can be played.

Music must be pre-organized and delivered to the in-house technicians in a single format that you must provide. Computers with downloaded songs are preferred.

7. Only performers, promoters, and managers are allowed backstage.

In order to mitigate risk, Louis' management gets the final say on who's backstage.

8. You are responsible for any damages that happen to Louis' or Louis' equipment during your event.

It doesn't matter who broke it, you are responsible for it.

9. Do not oversell your catered event.

The final number you provide to Louis' three days prior will be the amount of food made.

10. Pick your menu accordingly.

Appetizers are a nice treat during an event but recognize that your guests might expect a meal and not just snacks, especially during meal hours.

11. The event hosts must be sober at the end of the event.

There are several business transactions that will need to be completed at the end of the night that are impossible to do if the hosts are not lucid and clear headed.

12. Always give Louis' management a realistic expectation of potential turnout to your event.

This is so that Louis' can prepare accordingly and the event can run smoothly.

13. Louis' always runs their coat check.

Please let management know if you require a coat check service.

14. Louis' provides ticketing services for free for all student events.

Including both physical and online ticketing. If you require this service please let management know the date and time of your event well in advance along with the price of the event.

15. Don't hesitate to contact Louis' management for any questions or concerns.

It's better to have the information and help than to have something go wrong.

How to Book the Campus Club Space

Campus Club Space Description

The Campus Club Space, a dedicated room for ratified campus groups, is located on the second floor of Place Riel. The room is available for booking and use by ratified campus groups at no fee.

Campus Club Space Regulations & Procedures

1. The Club Space is available to ratified campus groups and members thereof.
2. The space is available by booking through the USSUHub for ratified student groups. Booking requests through email will not be considered.
3. Groups are only allowed to book once per week.
4. Food may be permitted in the space, although groups are expected to clean up after themselves. Food details must be included in the booking form and receive approval.
5. Bookings are subject to availability. The room is bookable from 8:30am until 8:00pm, subject to the provisions in clause 6.
6. The space may be booked for a maximum of four (4) hours per week per campus group. From 8:30am to 3:30pm, the room will be opened by USSU staff. From 3:30pm to 4:30pm, the group member who booked the room will sign out a key from the USSU Services Desk using their student card. The key must be returned to the USSU the next working day.
7. If the key to the space is not signed out by 4:30pm when the Services Desk closes, the campus group will forfeit their booking.
8. Students are asked not to drag or move furniture around, as this can cause significant damage to the floor. Groups will be asked to pay for any damages.
9. A TV on a rolling stand is available in the space. The TV can be moved using its stand, but cannot be removed from the room. If display cables, the remote, or other components are taken from the room and/or damaged, groups will be asked to pay for their replacement.

Transition for Campus Group Executives

Each year, Campus Group executive teams transition from one year to the next. To help make this process easier, here are some suggestions for you:

- Set up a meeting between the outgoing and incoming executives to explain the positions and answer questions.
- Transfer bank account details ASAP. Incoming executives have to have signing authority.
- Share all important files, logins, and keys or codes to access accounts, offices, etc.
- Share contacts that the new executives will want to know or need to know.

To-Do List for the Outgoing Execs:

- ☐ Wrap up any remaining work, or prepare for it to be transferred to the incoming executives.
- ☐ Gather transition documents and materials.
- ☐ Write a report for the incoming execs that lists what you did, what worked well and what didn't, and share your ideas and thoughts for the future.

To-Do List for the Incoming Execs:

- ☐ Review position responsibilities and plan to revise them if needed.
- ☐ Write out your goals for your term.
- ☐ Prepare questions for the outgoing executives.
- ☐ Review policies and documents related to your transition.

Why Transition?

- It helps prepare the new team and increases their confidence.
- It helps evaluate your success and share do's and don'ts.
- To share organizational knowledge and experience.

Campus Groups Emergency Preparedness

In Case of An Emergency

As a campus group leader, you are responsible for keeping both students and the space you are using safe.

Be Prepared

Make sure you have:

- A first aid kit
- Located a defibrillator
- Located a fire alarm
- Located the Building's emergency response plan*
- Designated an evacuation leader**

In you're planning a road trip bring:

- Flashlight
- Shovel
- Blankets
- A fully charged cell phone

Damaged Property, Floods and Fire

Report right away, call 306-966-5555.

Do not try to fix. Make sure to get yourself and others safely out of the building.

**Each building has an Emergency Response Plan, and it should be posted in the room.*

***The evacuation leader's job is to ensure every group member leaves the building orderly and is accounted for before leaving the property.*

Contact Information

Ratification, Grants, or Other CG Inquiry

USSU VP Operations & Finance
306 966 6967
campus.groups@ussu.ca

Insurance

USSU VP Operations & Finance
306 966 6767
vpopfin@ussu.ca

Campus Club Space

clubsspace@ussu.ca

Space Booking

facilities@ussu.ca

USSUhub Technical Issues & Password Recovery

USSU IT Support
support@ussu.ca

Table & Chair Rental

tables@ussu.ca

Arts and Science Tunnel Table Booking

tables@ussu.ca

Promotional Support

Communications &
Marketing Manager
communications@ussu.ca

Mailbox & Storage Space

tables@ussu.ca

Louis' Booking

Food & Beverage Manager
events@ussu.ca

XL Print & Design

XL Print & Design Manager
xl@ussu.ca

Frequently Asked Questions

How Can We Get a Mailbox for Our Campus Group on Campus?

Campus Groups Mailbox Description

The Campus Groups Mailboxes in the USSU reception on the main floor of Place Riel Student Centre are available for booking and use by ratified campus groups. The USSU recognizes the importance of the communication links between a Campus Group and its membership. If a group is ratified by the USSU they can have an email account. This account must be renewed yearly as part of the ratification process.

For receiving letter mail, you have a choice between finding your own address and using the USSU's provided mailboxes. The USSU's mailboxes are located in the USSU reception, and mail can be picked up at any time during office hours.

Campus Groups Mailbox Procedure

1. The USSU mail office at Place Riel Student Centre has 48 mailboxes available for use by ratified campus groups. The mailboxes can be booked from May 1 to April 30.
2. The mailboxes are first come first serve bases and campus groups can book these mailboxes by emailing through clubspace@ussu.ca.
3. Only the primary contact person enlisted in the ratification application will be able to book the mailboxes.

What Address do We Use for These Mailboxes?

[Club Name]
c/o USSU
#110 – 1 Campus Drive
Saskatoon, SK
S7N 5A3

Can Campus Groups Apply for Insurance for Events?

Yes, all campus groups can apply for an insurance extension from the USSU for events occurring off-campus and/or involving the sale or service of alcohol.

Note: It is important to remember that Campus Groups are not covered for any events that the USSU has not approved during the ratification process or through separate applications.

What is Not Included in Insurance?

Campus Group Insurance does not cover pub crawls and these events are not endorsed by either the USSU or the University. Events not approved by the USSU are not covered by USSU Insurance.

What are the Requirements for Campus Groups to get Insurance?

All insurance needs to be applied at the office of VP Operations & Finance Application for extension of insurance must be accompanied by:

1. Rental agreements for a venue, equipment, land or other property.
2. Gaming Permits, if required.
3. For events with alcohol:
 - Liquor permits
 - Catering agreements/food serving plans
 - The volume of beer, wine and spirits being purchased/served at the event
 - The number of serving staff and proof of 'Serve it Right' training
 - Transportation plans

