

Guidelines Student Chapter Grants

Introduction:

The Student Activities Committee (SAC) organizes and awards the Student Chapter Grants to facilitate student involvement in the activities of their local chapter and therefore the worldwide development of the Wildlife Disease Association. The student chapters (SC) are locally engaged in the organization of activities (lectures, workshops, field trips etc.) related to the wildlife health. To help promote these activities and the creation of new SCs, the SAC annually offers grants on an application basis. In order to continue to improve the program, the grant process was completely revised in 2019, ending in a new grant system for 2020, approved by the WDA Council.

Grant system:

Creation of two different grants:

- ➔ **the seed grant:** dedicated to the organization of smaller events, organized 2 times a year, with a smaller budget
- ➔ **the blossom grants:** dedicated to bigger events, organized once a year, with a larger and more detailed budget

Deadlines:

The SAC tried to be fair for all students around the world in terms of deadlines: we wanted them to be out of the exam periods, corresponding as much as we could to the new SC board elections. We also decided that the grant applications would be available all year on the website in case students want to fill applications out outside of a busy period if the deadline is not ideal.

Deadlines for the seed grant:

*October 1st until October 31st: result notification on November 15th

*March 1st until March 31st: result notification on April 15th

Deadlines for the blossom grant:

Applications need to be sent before April 30 of each year and an answer will be provided by May 15 to a maximum of 2 winners.

Equity:

To help provide equal opportunity, student chapters cannot receive a grant 2 years in a row (even if there are different officers) to allow these grant funds to “travel”.

Annual Student Workshop:

These grants should not include the SAC funds dedicated for the (hopefully) future annual student workshop(s) preceding annual meetings.

Budget:

The budget will have to be decided according to the yearly SAC budget.

For 2022: the **seed grants** of **\$500** will be available for the winners during one year, and the **blossom grants** of **\$1000** will be available during 18 months from the moment of the result notification.

Evaluation:

To review the applications the SAC will have two sub-committees, one for each grant. In terms of evaluation, the seed grant will have general criteria while the blossom grant will be awarded using a scoring system

