Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies
Student Opportunity Grant (SOG)

At the Kroc School, we encourage students to take advantage of opportunities to become more professionally engaged in the peacebuilding community. We also recognize that cost can sometimes be a barrier to participation, which is why we offer a limited number of Student Opportunity Grants (SOGs) to support extraordinary learning opportunities.

Examples of such opportunities might include presenting a paper at an academic or professional conference or traveling to work with one of the School’s institutes on a special field project. Applications may be submitted on an individual or group basis, and students are encouraged to discuss ideas for a grant with their faculty advisor in advance of submitting an application to the Review Committee.

SOG Guidelines

- SOG funding is limited, and the total pool of funds available can vary from year to year. Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis and are restricted to students enrolled in the Kroc School’s graduate programs.
- The maximum award to any one individual will be $1200. Actual amounts are at discretion of the SOG Review Committee, which is comprised of Kroc School faculty and administrators.
- Students who have already received a SOG will be given the lowest priority for new funding, and only in exceptional circumstances will a second award be made to the same student.

2019-2020 SOG Application Deadline

SOG Applications should be submitted to mariissanewman@sandiego.edu and will be reviewed by the SOG Review Committee.

2019-2020 SOG Application deadlines are as follows:
Fall Semester: Saturday, October 14, 2019
Spring Semester: Thursday, January 30, 2020

SOG Applications

Students interested in submitting an application should draft a 3 to 5 page narrative grant proposal.

Proposals must include:

1. A brief description of the opportunity to which the student is applying.
2. An explanation how the opportunity relates to the program’s learning objectives and the applicant’s career objectives.
3. A description of why these objectives cannot be achieved through existing Kroc School or USD programs and resources.
4. A work plan that articulates project goals and the ways in which they will be measured.
5. An itemized budget, listing expenses for which funds are requested.

**SOG Awards**

SOGs will be awarded on a competitive basis. In determining whether to award a grant, as well as how much to award, the Review Committee will evaluate the strength of the aforementioned criteria. Grant applications that are poorly written, which contain typos and spelling errors, etc., will likely not be funded.

Upon completion of the opportunity for which the grant was awarded, awardees are expected to make a full financial account for all monies received, including receipts equal to the amount received. Funds that cannot be accounted for must be repaid to the Kroc School.

In order to receive reimbursement students must submit receipts and proof of travel. Examples of required documentation include:

- Flight itinerary/Travel documentation including boarding passes for flights.
- Conference registration receipt
- Car rental and taxi / rideshare receipts
- Hotel receipts
- Per diem documentation for rate and # of days claimed
- Itemized meal receipts

*Reimbursements will be made in US dollars. Please include currency conversions if applicable.

**Expectations After SOG-funded Experience**

Students are expected to submit a 1-2 page report summarizing their experiences, which may be shared on the website or in School publications if appropriate. Please note if there is any confidential or sensitive information that should not be shared.

All questions should be directed to marissanewman@sandiego.edu.