

Communal Principles Project Proposal Guidelines



The Communal Principles Project (CPP) is an initiative of the College coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Students. It is designed to promote the Communal Principles of *fairness, freedom, honesty, inclusion, respect, and responsibility*. Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year one of the six principles will be highlighted annually. This year's focus is the Communal Principle of Responsibility. We encourage collaborative programs or activities that exemplify the spirit and purpose of responsibility in our community. Not all proposals submitted will receive grants, as there are limited grants available.

Communal Principles definition of Responsibility

Freedom and responsibility are two two sides of the same coin. To uphold this kind of freedom of expression and action in the public arena, each person has the responsibility to own his or her ideas and actions as well as express them in ways that do not limit or threaten others' freedom to learn, teach, and work.

This means that ideas and actions are neither anonymous nor isolated. To act or express one's ideas openly and in a responsible manner enhances the learning and growth of all. On the other hand, to act or express one's ideas in an irresponsible manner impinges on other's rights and freedom to learn and grow.

Instructions

Please submit your proposal [online](#) at least one month before the proposed event. The event should also be entered via the Event Registration Process. For more information on the Event Registration Process go to the Office of the Dean of Students [website](#).

All proposals should reference the following items:

- **Briefly describe the program and how it relates to this year's Communal Principle**
 - If you've done a similar program in the past, please include a brief overview of the attendance; impact your program had on participants, and any feedback obtained.
 - What do you hope that the campus community will gain from participation?
- **Budget**
 - Submit your budget by including all logistics, such as quotes from suppliers and catering costs, a/v equipment, printing, and other resources needed.
 - Have you sought co-sponsorships with other student organizations or academic departments?

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- **You must go beyond the use of the word “Responsibility” in the written proposal**
 - How does the proposed program enhance and/or promote responsibility in the University of Rochester community?
 - Who will this program impact?
 - How will the program’s audience/participants engage in the program and understand the value of responsibility?
 - What will be the long-lasting effects of this program?
- **Please note the following:**
 - Programs or activities of a collaborative nature are strongly encouraged.
 - Collaborations can be a combination of students, faculty and staff or collaborations among organizations.
 - Preference will be given to proposals that exhibit a need for assistance with costs related to a speaker or program content vs. food and refreshments.

Submission Deadlines

- Fall Semester 2018
 - Sept. 10
 - Oct. 17
 - Nov. 12
- Spring Semester 2019
 - Jan. 22
 - Feb. 18
 - Mar. 18

You will be notified of the Selection Committee’s decision within two weeks of stated deadlines.

Who can apply?

These grants are available to University of Rochester undergraduate students within The College.