



TGI HORIZONS PROGRAM: SUPPORT FOR STUDENT GROUPS WITH A GEOSPATIAL FOCUS

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS**

Questions or inquiries regarding this NOO can be directed to: TGI@slu.edu

BACKGROUND

The [Taylor Geospatial Institute](#) (TGI), the nation's leading academic center for geospatial science, is committed to making the St Louis region a global center of excellence in geospatial science research, education, and innovation. As part of its objective to help develop the next generation of geospatial talent for the region, TGI is establishing the TGI Horizons program to provide support for recognized student groups with a geospatial focus at TGI partner institutions.

The purpose of the TGI Horizons program is to enable TGI partner institutions to develop the next generation of scientific leaders in geospatial science and allied fields. Student groups focused on geospatial science can play an important role in helping students to advance their academic and professional goals, while also spreading awareness and interest in geospatial science among the TGI partner institutions.

Through the TGI Horizons program, recognized student groups can apply for funding of up to \$5,000. The funding is intended to support costs related to events programming for the student group. These costs could include food and catering, guest speaker fees and travel, conference planning, and other programming related to geospatial sciences.

Funding is intended for a period of one year from the date of the award and a proposed budget is required as part of the application. If funds are not spent by the conclusion of the award period, a no-cost extension of one year may be requested, after which any unused funds must be returned to TGI.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the TGI Horizons program, participating student groups must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be an officially recognized student organization at a TGI partner institution. Recognition can be at the departmental, school, or university level. A letter confirming this recognition should be submitted by the group's faculty/staff advisor as part of the application process (see "Application Process" section below for further details).
- Have a membership of at least six undergraduate or graduate students at the time of application, as verified through the faculty/staff advisor letter of support.
- Have a focus that is related to geospatial science.
- Be supervised by a faculty or staff member who agrees to serve as the official point of contact for the administering of funds from TGI.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Student groups should submit the following documents to TGI@slu.edu as either a single or separate pdfs:

- A cover letter of one to two pages that addresses the following questions:
 - What is the focus of the student organization and how does it relate to supporting students in geospatial science?
 - What activities and programming did the student organization implement in the previous year? If this is a new organization, please describe how this organization will fill an unmet need at your institution.
 - What are the student organization's goals for the coming year?
 - What are the student organization's plans for utilizing TGI Horizons funding?
- A letter of support from the student group's faculty or staff supervisor. This letter should verify that the student group is officially recognized at the departmental, school, or university level and that the student group has a membership of at least six undergraduate or graduate students.
- A proposed budget of up to \$5,000.

DELIVERABLES

Funded student groups are required to provide TGI with two reports summarizing the group's events, meetings, and expenditure of funds over the course of the year. The first report should be provided six months after the beginning of the award period, and the second report should be provided one year after the beginning of the award period. Further information on the expectations for these reports will be given to recipients of the award.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: I'm trying to determine if my student group is eligible. What does it mean for a student group to "have a focus that is related to geospatial science"?

We recognize that geospatial science is a broad field with a wide variety of applications. In order to be eligible for this program, your student group should be involved in activities, events, and other programming that helps students deepen their understanding of geospatial tools and techniques like GIS, GPS, remote sensing, cartography, drones, and satellite imagery, to name a few.

Question: Can a student group apply for funding multiple years in a row?

Yes. A previously funded student group may apply for funding again, unless there is funding from the previous year that has been unspent. If there is previous funding that is unspent, groups may apply for a no-cost extension of one year, after which any unused funds must be returned to TGI.