

Michigan State University
India Council
POLICY and PROCESS for Application for Funding

The Michigan State University India Council is a non-profit organization and is affiliated with the Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University.

The Council was established on August 7, 1989. Its objective is to work with the Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University as well as independently to:

1. Stimulate interest in India and matters related to India among the people in Michigan
2. Promote educational and cultural activities related to India
3. Assist organizations at Michigan State University and elsewhere in promoting activities that are aligned with the mission of the India Council and the missions of the respective organizations
4. Promote outreach and exchange programs with organizations interested in socio-economic, educational, cultural and artistic aspects of Indian culture
5. Undertake activities to increase the India Council Endowment Fund and establish such other funds as may be deemed necessary to promote the mission of the India Council

The council provides limited amounts of funding to support initiatives and events that are consistent with its mission and goals. Any persons or entities who are interested in applying for funds should submit an application.

Funding proposals will be invited in order to ensure that the usually limited funds are allocated to the ideas that best fit the goals of the Council.

Suggested dates for submitting funding requests are as follows:

- i. April 15 (for activities in Fall)
- ii. October 15 (for activities in Spring)

In situations in which the need for funding arises at such a time that the above dates will prevent a funding decision from being made in a timely manner, funding requests will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Applicants must describe their intended project or activity by providing all of the details requested in the application form.

Proposals will be reviewed by (i) the Chair and a committee of the India Council, and (ii) the Director of the Asian Studies Center, and funding decisions will be communicated within a month.

Once the project or event is completed, a brief report of not more than one page should be provided to the Council about the event. The report should include details about the project (e.g., number of attendees) and how it contributed to the goals of the Council. Such reports will be particularly important to establish a track record of contribution to the Council's goals and will be used to assess future applications from the same applicants.