

Activities and Funding

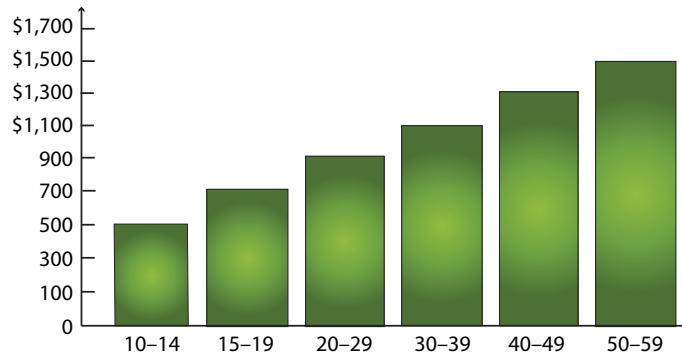
Student Chapter Funding

Activity Grants

Chapter Officers may submit a request at any time for an activity grant using the “Activity Grant Request” form (available in this package or online). Each Chapter has a minimum of \$500 US available per calendar year.

Funded projects should be described as part of the annual report; pictures are appreciated. Unrequested funds do not carry over to subsequent years. Activity grant levels are based on the number of Student Members in the Chapter.

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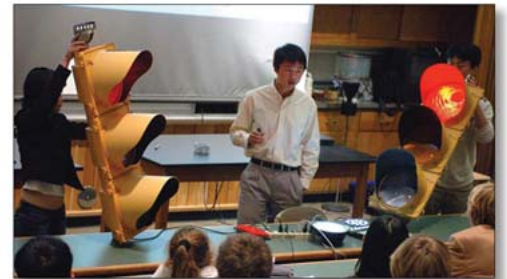
Tip: Use your activity grant to provide advance advertising, snacks and beverages to help draw attention to your event.

Suggested Activities

Many Chapter activities are eligible for SPIE support.

Ideas may include:

- Organize an informal lecture with a popular professor from the department.
- Organize a student lecture series.
- Invite an industry or academic speaker.
- Tour optics industry facilities.
- Host a public lab tour for community members.
- Create and maintain a Chapter web page.
- Organize a job fair.
- Work with teachers to improve their optics knowledge.
- Promote optics to pre-university students: develop workshops, volunteer to supplement science and math education, organize a science fair.



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Collaborative Conference Grant

This grant provides a way for ambitious Chapters to organize events that offer professional development opportunities. Events designed in collaboration with one or more SPIE Student Chapters are eligible for up to \$2,500 US per event, each quarter. Possible topics include:

- Overviews for careers in optics.
- Creating better technical presentations.
- Lab management skills.
- Technical language proficiency classes.
- Interview strategy sessions.

Applications available online: spie.org/chapter_resources

Officer Travel

SPIE strives to provide Chapter Members with conference exposure. Each year, Chapter officers have an opportunity to attend an SPIE meeting with special assistance from the Society. Officers are encouraged to attend the Student Chapter Leadership Workshop at Optics+Photonics.

- At least \$1,000 US for travel/food/lodging.
- One grant per Chapter each year.
- No person may receive the grant more than once.
- One conference fee waiver.
- Bonus: Use the grant to attend the Student Chapter Leadership Workshop at Optics+Photonics and receive up to seven days of lodging and one course, free!

Optics+Photonics Travel Grant Timeline:

- Mid-February - applications available
- Late-February - abstracts due for the conference
- Mid-March - first round of applications due
- Early-April - first round of winners notified
- Late-May - second round of applications due and selected
- Early-June - second round winners are notified

All other travel grants are due at least 12 weeks before the first day of the conference.

Visiting Lecturer Program

Access a directory of distinguished lecturers who are available to give personalized lectures at your university. For a complete list of available speakers and topics, visit: spie.org/vlp.

Bring the feeling of a conference to your entire Chapter! Lecturers are eligible for \$1,500 US of travel assistance. If your desired lecturer is not on the list, contact vlp@spie.org and suggest your own!

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