

Chapter Seed Grant Application



APPLICATION

I. APPLICANTS

Primary Applicant

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Professional/Institutional Affiliations (if applicable):

Second Applicant

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Professional/Institutional Affiliations (if applicable):

Third Applicant

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Professional/Institutional Affiliations (if applicable):

Proposed name for the chapter: _____

Please note which of your applicants meet the following qualifications bellow:

- Member(s) in good standing of SOPHIA: _____

- Has some background in Philosophy: _____

Details about this background: _____

Fiscal agent: _____

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II. APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Your Interest and Experience with SOPHIA: Please briefly tell us how you came to hear of SOPHIA. Why is it that you are applying for this grant? What interest do you have in SOPHIA, public philosophy, and why do you wish to start a chapter?

2. Initial Assessment of Need and Community: Briefly tell us why you believe your community could benefit from the creation of a SOPHIA chapter. Describe your community in such a way that we can understand the relationships, members, values, and happenings therein. What is it about your community, about its groups, that motivates you to create a SOPHIA chapter?

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3. Your Action Plan: If awarded this grant, what is your plan to create or grow a SOPHIA chapter in your local community? What specific, concrete, and achievable plans of action do you hope to take and how will this grant help you accomplish those tasks? What timetable do you expect is reasonable to achieve those plans? How will you structure your meetings? How will you involve your community in determining themes or topics for your meetings? How will you evaluate your plan and adapt to the information you gain from those evaluations? What roles will the leadership team (i.e. the chapter officers) play in this plan?

4. Amount Requested and Why: How much is your request? What do you expect the grant to be used for, given your action plan?

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5. Outreach and Communication Strategies: Who will attend your meetings? How will you reach members of your community not already involved in your chapter? What communication and outreach strategies will you use to involve people who might not typically have access to philosophical discussions? With whom and with what organizations might you partner for outreach and communication?

6. SOPHIA's National Leadership: How can SOPHIA's national leadership continue to support and aid your group create a strong chapter? How can we help you strengthen your leadership team and help you overcome potential disadvantages and challenges?

7. Long Term Goals: What are your long-term goals for your Chapter? Where would you like your chapter to be in four years in terms of membership, meetings, and larger event plans?

(Optional) **8. If there's anything else you'd like to add, you may attach pages to your application, such as for letters of support or any other useful documentation.**