SFPIRG Usamah Ansari Creative Justice
Spring 2021 Application Form

SFPIRG (Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group) is a student-funded and student-directed resource centre based at Simon Fraser University dedicated to social and environmental justice. The Creative Justice Award honours the memory of past SFPIRG volunteer Usamah Ansari, whose passion for social justice – particularly justice for refugees and communities of colour – inspired everyone around him.

This award is an opportunity to support individuals or groups that have a clear and passionate vision for a creative approach to social or environmental justice, including forms such as art, poetry, music, and writing.

SFPIRG prioritizes funding initiatives that focus on: Indigenous sovereignty; Disability justice; Food sovereignty; Migrant justice; Sex workers’ rights; Trans, genderqueer, and two-spirit issues; Anti-gentrification and affordable housing; Prison industrial complex and police brutality; and Climate justice.

The Creative Justice Award specifically prioritizes communities of colour, refugees, and youth, working within their own communities in Metro Vancouver.

Please fill out this form as a Word Document, using as much space as necessary to answer each question, and return by email as a Word Document to admin@sfpirg.ca. Thank you!

# Contact Information

Today’s Date:

Organization’s Name:

Name of Person Applying:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone:

If you are granted funding, who should the cheque be made out to?:

# Funding Information

Have you applied for funding from SFPIRG before? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If you answered yes, when did you apply for funding and were you successful?

Do you have other funding for your project? If yes, please list below:

How did you hear about SFPIRG’s grants program?

# Project / Campaign / Event Information

Briefly describe your organization (who you are, how you work, what your mandate is). If you are working with a specific target group, please let us know what your relationship is to them. Please note we prioritize applications where people are working within their own communities.

Briefly describe the initiative you are requesting funding for. Please include who it benefits and how.

How is this initiative part of a larger strategy or vision for change?

Please provide a rough budget and timeline, as well as the location of your initiative.

# Organizational Information

How does your initiative fit within SFPIRG’s funding priorities?

How will accessibility for people with disabilities be built into your initiative – including the planning stages? Is the location of your initiative accessible (e.g. physical accessibility, gender-inclusive washrooms, fat-friendly seating, fragrance/chemical sensitivity friendly, etc.)? Will any digital materials be accessible to the visually impaired, or hard of hearing?

Do you have plans for engaging SFU students through your initiative?