What is APIRG?

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. APIRG exists to provide students with resources to be active citizens.
APIRG provides...

- Funding and support for student working groups and student-initiated projects and events
- Administrative, informational and technological resources
- Opportunities for skill development through internships, educational events, public campaigns and partnerships with community organizations
Who is APIRG?

- All U of A undergrads who have not opted out of the APIRG fee
- Community members
- Volunteer Board of Directors
- Three part-time staff positions
The APIRG Board of Directors

- The APIRG Board of Directors Consists of nine undergraduate students elected in March of each year.
- All U of A undergrads who have not opted out of the APIRG fee are eligible to run in the APIRG election.
- Students’ Council appoints one of its members to sit on the APIRG Board of Directors.
Board Responsibilities

- Oversee all APIRG operations
- Set annual priorities and budgets
- Review funding applications
- Develop and maintain policy
- Outreach to community
- Hire and oversee staff
- Commit at least 3 hours/week
- Attend biweekly board meetings
- Attend three one-and-a-half day retreats (May, September and January)
What legislation governs APIRG?

- APIRG Bylaws
- Alberta Societies Act
  - APIRG is incorporated as a society
- U of A Students’ Union Bylaw 6000
  - APIRG is an external dedicated fee recipient
- U of A Students’ Union Bylaw 3000
  - APIRG is a Class B Fee
How is APIRG accountable to students?

- APIRG is a democratic organization that is accountable directly to the people who fund it – students at the UofA.

- Any student member can run in the elections for the APIRG board of directors, and all board meetings and general meetings are open to the public.

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**Your vote matters!** You contributed $3.14 per term to APIRG. Choose the students who match your vision for "the public interest" lies.

There are 3 equal voting positions on the APIRG Board. These people are seeking your vote on March 9 & 10.

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• APIRG also keeps audited financial records and produces an annual report.
• Students who are philosophically opposed to APIRG or who cannot afford the dedicated fee can opt out of the fee and receive a full refund.
Where does APIRG get its money?

- Dedicated fees as part of annual student fees
- $3.17 per term for full-time students
- $1.58 per term for part-time students
Projected Revenue
Where does the money go?

2011/2012 Budget Projections

- Direct grants - 2 funding rounds per year
- Programming (Workshops, Events)
- Communications and Outreach
- Board Development
- Office and Resource Library
- Administration (opt outs, honoraria)
- Staff
Direct Grants
(2010/2011)

Events

- Aboriginal Student Council - Chief Clarence Louie speaking event
- Exposure Queer Arts and Culture Festival – D’Bi Young
- OUTlaw – Gary Kinsman speaking event
- Students Against Global Apathy – “Ancient Future: Learning from Ladakh film screening
- Film screening: The Obese Campus
- Film screening: The Economics of Happiness
- Native Studies Student Association – “Away from the Indian Act: Treaty Governance at Tsawassen” by Kim Baird
- Health and Wellness Movement Committee – 2011 Health Week
- Medical Students for Mental Health Awareness – Mental Health Awareness Week

Projects

- Oil Sands Student Delegation – trip to Ft. McMurray
- Peoples’ Poets – Artists for Palestine Project
- Students Against Global Apathy – Tuesday Seminars and Gender Equality Week
- Student International Health Association – Health Educator Training
- YYC – Magic Program
- Edmonton RebELLEs delegation to Winnipeg 2nde Pan-Canadian Feminist Gathering
- Music is a Weapon – People Powered Parties Initiative
- Rockin’ Docs Summer Camp
- Terra Informa – Northern Gateway Pipeline Story
- And more…
Active Working Groups
(2010/2011)

- Centre for Organizing and Popular Education (COPE)
- Cardiovascular Health Advocates, Researchers, and Innovators of Tomorrow (CHARIOT)
- Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG) (Formally University Farm of Organic Growers)
- Friends of the Lubicon Alberta (FOLA)
- Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom (FLIF)
- Greenpeace on Campus
- The Olive Reading Series
- Palestine Solidarity Network (PSN)
- Solidarity With Iran’s Democratic Movement (SIDM-E) ('10)
- Stand With Fort Chipewyan
- University of Alberta Council of Canadians
- University of Alberta Women’s Centre Collective (UAWCC)
- Voices for Choices
Non-monetary Resources

- Free or low-cost meeting space
- A resource library, which includes books, videos, newspapers, and magazines
- Web hosting
- Text editing and graphic design training
- Computers, scanner and printer
- Phone lines and fax machine
- Video cameras, minidisk recorders, digital camera, PA soundsystem, and relevant software training
- Photocopier
- Button maker
- Staff support
- Assistance recruiting volunteers and promoting events
- Training opportunities
- On- and off-campus networking opportunities
APIRG Elections

- Will occur in conjunction with Students’ Union Executive elections in March.
- Nomination packages will be available in mid-January
Funding Round Deadline!

- Friday, September 30th @ 5pm

Need Some $$ for your project or event?

Apply for AP!RG’s next Funding Round!

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Visit for more info!
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