

Registered Student Organization Policy Changes One-Pager

Georgia Tech has enacted a series of changes around Registered Student Organizations - otherwise known as student organizations or campus organizations. These are in large part due to mandates from the University System of Georgia and the agreement of Georgia Tech Administration. All of this culminates into a single Registered Student Organization Policy (RSO Policy) that details funding through SGA, new group chartering, annual registration, and classification of current organizations.

For more detailed information and resources to assist your student organization in adjusting and understanding these changes visit - sga.gatech.edu/rso-policy

General RSO Changes

- Annual Registration, GT's registration required by all RSOs now has a hard deadline in the Spring Semester - 2 weeks before Final exams. If your organization does not submit all required forms by this time your organization will be suspended. An Appeals Process is available and more information will be provided by the Center of Student Engagement later in the year.
- Multidisciplinary status has been removed from all RSOs. This may impact the level of funding available to your organization. Please visit the RSO Policy website and reach out to the Center of Student Engagement for options and next steps.
- The Tier classification has been removed so now all RSOs are considered the same "Tier." If you are a former Tier II, please reach out to SGA - specifically the JVPF and JVPCO - as soon as possible.
- Departmental Registered Student Organizations are now a distinction and simply indicates a formal relationship between an RSO and a department on campus. These DRSOs do not receive any additional financial access.
- An updated appeals process around denial to chartering or revocation of RSO status has been created.
- Clearer requirements for Advisors and RSO Constitutions have been created as well.

Funding and Financial Changes

- Updated funding processes and requirements for both Bills (rolling funding requests) and Budgets:
 - Bills only require a submission of a Bill request and a meeting with the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) to receive an allocation of funding.
 - Budgets require attendance to an orientation session in the Fall semester, submission of a budget, and a JFC Review session to receive an allocation of funds.
 - Neither now require a presentation to the Undergraduate House of Representatives or the Graduate Student Senate as the allocations will be completed by JFC.
 - Deadlines and requirements for Budgets are much more strict with no leeway available anymore. The deadline is the Friday of the 10th week of the Fall Semester.
 - Review the RSO Policy website before submitting any further funding requests.
- Updated prohibited allocations and item maximizations for both Budgets and Bills - more information is available on the RSO Policy site:
 - Competitive registration is now capped at \$6000 per organization at \$1000 per event, but the up to 6 events cap has been removed.
 - Travel within 70 miles to the GT campus can't be funded, reduced from 150 miles.
 - Budget dues requirements have been permanently removed.
- Definitions around capital expenditures have also been updated.
- Updated funding appeals process that goes through the Dean of Students.
- Please note that FY21 Budget allocations, if your organization received one, have not been impacted. However future allocations of funds through the Bills process are bound by the RSO Policy.

Resources are available on the RSO Policy website. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Joint VP of Campus Organizations or the Joint VP of Finance of SGA.