

2025-2026 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

This form is the official application for AY 2025-2026 Special Projects funding. Below are guidelines for the Special Projects fund:

The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending. Special Projects funding may be requested by any of the following, but not limited to:

- (i) Any Cornell registered student organization,
- (ii) the Assembly committee chairs that seek funding for expenditures that exceed their committee's budgeted allocation.

(1) *The President and Vice President for Finance together may approve any special projects funding request up to \$500 without consultation with the Executive Committee. Amounts up to \$500 may also be funded by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Request must be made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before being approved. Any voting member can motion for the request to be sent to the Executive Committee if they feel necessary.*

(2) *The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$500 and under \$2,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

(3) *Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

In addition to the Special Project rules outlined in the 2025-2026 Standing Rules, pursuant to APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines (lines 822-825) of the [Student Assembly Charter](#), an organization is only allowed a maximum of \$5,000 per semester in Special Projects funding.

- x. *Student Assembly*
 - a. *The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.*
 - b. *The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per organization per academic year.*

What Organization is requesting the funding? *

Med-In-Black Association

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

What is your role in your organization? *

President

If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) *

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Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? *

Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)

What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? *

23,126.00

What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? *

5000

Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.

If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.

If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. *

The Med-In-Black Association intends to use Special Projects funding to support its annual "Future Healers" Washington, DC Trip, a one-time educational and professional development experience for undergraduate students pursuing careers in medicine, public health, and related health professions. The Future Healers Trip will take place in February 2026 and is expected to include approximately 45–50 students. Participants will travel as a group to Washington, DC to engage in structured visits to medical schools, hospitals, federal health agencies, and health policy institutions. These visits are designed to expose students to a wide range of career pathways in clinical medicine, biomedical research, public health, and health policy, while also providing direct mentorship and networking opportunities with professionals in these fields. Special Projects funding will be used to support group transportation and travel-related costs, which are essential to ensuring equitable access to this opportunity. Funding will primarily offset the cost of charter bus transportation between Ithaca and Washington, DC, as well as local transportation required to move participants between scheduled site visits. These costs would otherwise present a financial barrier for many students, particularly those from historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This is a one-time annual event that has a meaningful impact on participants by providing early, immersive exposure to professional health-care environments. The Future Healers Trip is a cornerstone program of the Med-In-Black Association and directly supports its mission to expand access, representation, and professional readiness within pre-health pathways at Cornell University.

Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2025-2026 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. *

During the 2025–2026 academic year, our organization has received or requested funding from the following sources: Student Assembly Finance Commission (SAFC) Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition LGBTQ+ Alliance at Cornell Alana Multicultural Board Black Student Union These funding sources support a range of organizational programming and operational needs across the academic year, including but not limited to events, professional development initiatives, and collaborative programming.

Please list all sources of funding your organization received, has applied for, or intends to apply for in the 2025-2026 AY. In addition, name all sources of funding that will be used to fund this project. Finally, name all other possible sources of funding that have failed to fund this project and how they have failed.

Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. *

44

Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. *

Sources of Income During the 2024–2025 academic year, Med-In-Black Association received funding from a combination of university allocations, special project grants, and collaborative funding partners. These sources supported both recurring programming and large-scale educational initiatives. Primary sources of income included: Student Assembly Finance Commission (SAFC) annual allocation and public events funding SAFC Special Projects funding for travel and educational trips Alana Multicultural Board funding Black Student Union (BSU) collaborative funding Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition (GJAC) funding Haven and LGBTQ+ Alliance funding for specific programs CU Tonight and other campus partners for event-based support Limited outside or co-sponsorship funding for select initiatives These funds collectively supported the organization's mission-driven programming throughout the academic year. Expense Categories Organizational expenses during AY 2024–2025 fell into the following major categories: Travel and Transportation Charter bus transportation for educational trips (e.g., Washington, DC and Boston) Travel-related costs associated with conferences and professional development opportunities Lodging and Meals Hotel accommodations for multi-day educational trips Group meals during trips to ensure participant safety, affordability, and cohesion Educational and Professional Development Programming Medical school visits, educational treks, and conferences Workshops such as suture workshops and skill-building sessions Events and General Body Programming General body meetings Study nights, movie nights, and community-building events End-of-semester galas and formal events Food and Catering Food for meetings, workshops, and events Catering for large-scale programs and trips Marketing and Outreach Promotional materials Photographer and DJ services for major events Merchandise and branding materials Operational and Administrative Costs Supplies and materials needed to support events and programming Reimbursements for approved organizational expenses

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. *

Lodging and Meals (Total: \$11,176.00) Hotel Lodging Item: Hyatt Hotel rooms Cost per unit: \$131 per room per night Quantity: 44 people room-nights (group booking; students housed 4 per room) Duration: 4 nights Estimated cost: \$5,764.00 Purpose: Overnight lodging for participants during the duration of the trip Meals Group Brunch (Med-In-Black hosted) Cost per person: \$38 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,672.00 Restaurant Meal 1 Cost per person: \$40 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$2,200.00 Restaurant Meal 2 (Toro Restaurant) Cost per person: \$35 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,540.00 Meals are planned group meals intended to ensure participant safety, cohesion, and affordability while traveling. Transportation (Total: \$8,800.00) Charter Bus Transportation Vendor: CharterUp Cost: \$8,800 (flat rate) Quantity: 1 charter bus Purpose: Round-trip transportation between Ithaca, NY and Washington, DC, as well as group mobility Estimated cost: \$8,800.00 Charter transportation is required to safely transport the full group and ensure timely arrival to scheduled educational site visits. Activities (Total: \$3,150.00) Evening Group Activities Roller Skating Cost per person: \$35 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,540.00 Sky Zone Cost per person: \$55 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,610.00 These activities are structured group events designed to promote student bonding, wellness, and community building during evening hours. Summary of Expected Costs Lodging & Meals: \$11,176.00 Transportation: \$8,800.00 Activities: \$3,150.00 Total Project Cost: \$23,126.00 Cost per Attendee (44 students): \$578.15

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. *

The Med-In-Black Association is committed to fully adhering to Cornell University policies related to accessibility and inclusion in all of its programming and operations. Our organization prioritizes equitable access to events, resources, and opportunities for all students, regardless of disability status, socioeconomic background, identity, or prior access to professional networks. For the Future Healers Washington, DC Trip and all organizational programming, we will ensure that activities are held in accessible facilities and that transportation, lodging, and event venues are compliant with ADA accessibility standards. We will proactively collect accommodation needs through registration and interest forms and will work closely with Cornell Student Disability Services and relevant university offices to implement approved accommodations in a timely manner. To reduce financial barriers, Med-In-Black actively seeks institutional funding and subsidies to minimize out-of-pocket costs for participants. Programming is advertised broadly across campus, and participation is open to all Cornell students, not limited by major, class year, or organizational membership. Selection processes, when capacity is limited, are communicated transparently and applied equitably. Our organization also commits to inclusive communication practices by providing clear event details in advance, offering multiple methods of engagement, and fostering respectful, welcoming environments during all activities. Through these practices, Med-In-Black aligns with Cornell University's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and ensures that all students are able to participate meaningfully in our programs.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility ([Policy 5.12: Web Accessibility](#))

Policy related to Inclusion ([Policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct](#))

Please upload the most updated Constitution or Charter for your organization. *

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Please upload the most updated Bylaws or other Governing Documents for your organization. *

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