



Services APIRG Provides

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group

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The primary focus of the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) is to provide support and resources to student working groups. Students and community members are always welcome to form working groups to address social, environmental, or community-based issues. New applications are accepted two times per year at the beginning of the fall and winter terms.

APIRG resources are not, however, restricted to Working Groups or their members. Student and community members are also encouraged to access APIRG services and resources.

Non-monetary Resources

APIRG provides the following non-monetary resources to working groups and members who are working on public interest projects:

- 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 and relevant software training
- Photocopier
- Button maker
- Staff support
- Assistance recruiting volunteers and promoting events
- Training opportunities (i.e. consensus decision-making, events coordination, media relations, etc.)
- On- and off-campus networking opportunities

In order to access these resources, individuals who are not U of A undergraduate students (or who have opted out of the APIRG dedicated fee) must become community members by filling out a community membership application and paying a fee (\$6.00/yr).

Groups and individuals needing computer time, software training, large amounts of printing or photocopying and access to the button maker, video camera or minidisk recorders must make advance arrangements with APIRG staff.

Library Resources

APIRG's resource centre helps students make connections with professors, local organizations, student groups, and other students. Our resource library now contains over 600 books, 50 videos, and numerous magazines, journals, and other publications. The materials in the APIRG library are available for student and community members to borrow. APIRG staff members are available to answer questions.

Event Calendar and Website

APIRG staff members compile a weekly events calendar and maintain a listserv to inform subscribers about community events. Our website is updated frequently.



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Volunteer Opportunities

We have volunteer opportunities for every level of commitment, from on-going activities to one-time gigs. Ask APIRG staff or board members to help direct you to a position that is appropriate for you!

To find out more

APIRG staff and board members are always willing to make presentations or speak to student groups about getting involved with APIRG. Contact the office for details!