

Chess Club Request for Grant Redistribution

Background

The Chess Club has been very successful this year, becoming both London and British Universities' Champions and performing well in the first division of one of the toughest leagues in the country. The chess club also hosted a large tournament with around 80 participants in February which generated a profit of just over £300; however, this does not go far in funding our summer tour.

I submitted a tour application but missed the CSB meeting for approving tour funding, which was my own fault. This tour will be the first for the chess club and I believe it can be a great success.

The Tour

Duration: 1 week

International Universities' Team Chess Championships between the British Champions and the American Ivy League champions. The aim of this tour is to make Imperial College Chess Club known on the International stage and to show that Imperial are able to compete at an international level. Most of the cost will be paid by the students on tour unless we can find a sponsor. I am currently in talks with a potential sponsor who has sponsored us before.

Travel Expenditure Summary

At this point we do not know how many students will go so the number of students is a guess. If fewer students go, we would be happy to give back the appropriate proportion of funding, but based on the enthusiasm from the club members (subject to subsidised costs) I think 8 is a realistic estimate.

Travel Expenditure		No. of students	8		
Item	Unit Price	Units/Person	Net Expenditure	40% of Travel Expenditure	30% of Travel Expenditure
Flights	£560.00	1	£4,480.00	£1,792.00	£1,344.00
Train between Princeton University and New York	£16.00	8	£1,024.00	£409.60	£307.20
Total			£5,504.00	£2,201.60	£1651.20

I am sure this is not all the travel expenditure, but these are the main items.

The train between Princeton University and New York is the cheapest mode of transport I could find. Each person requires 2 units going to and from the airport and we also want to make use of the opportunity to go into New York at least 3 times (6 units). Chess is very popular in the US and New York is famous for people playing chess matches outside in public spaces.

Originally we planned to travel in July where a flight would cost over £800, but September prices are much cheaper. On 23/5/13, September prices were £500. On 25/5/13 September prices were £560.

I am asking for a subsidy of 40% of travel expenditure, at £2,201.60 but obviously we would be happy with any amount of money towards the tour.