

Student Organization Mission Statement and Objectives

Each student organization is required to have a mission/purpose statement and objectives that distinguish your student organization and activities from other organizations, school departments and programs. Student organizations must support Harvard Chan's mission of learning, research and education and the interests of the Harvard Chan student community.

As a student organization, your mission should be targeted primarily to students, represented by students, and should be achievable within the resources available to student organizations. The mission statement should be a clear and focused 2-3 sentence description of your purpose, scope and activities. Student Affairs does not allow student organizations to replicate missions or purpose. Each organization must bring something new to campus and demonstrate a broadly recognized need that is not currently being met on campus; organizations with similar or overlapping missions will not be recognized, but instead will be encouraged to collaborate. In addition, your student organization must comply with all local, state and federal laws, and university policies.

SAMPLE MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Harvard Chan Black Student Health Organization:

MISSION:

The Harvard Chan Black Student Health Organization (BSHO) is a student-run organization that is committed to pursuing issues that affect students from the African Diaspora. BSHO strives to improve the student life at Harvard Chan through service, academic, social, and professional activities and opportunities. In the pursuit of BSHO's mission and objectives, BSHO collaborates with faculty, staff, administration, alumni and other student groups within the Harvard Chan and wider Harvard Community, in addition to community members and organizations.

OBJECTIVES:

- Plan and executive one-time and ongoing opportunities for community service in response to long-term and immediate health-related needs
- Plan and executive activities that promote inclusion and the improvement of student life
- Establish or strengthen relationships with Harvard Chan administrators, faculty, staff, and student affinity groups as well as student affinity groups across the Longwood campus and broader Harvard Community
- Launch independent, mission-driven initiatives that promote members' interests or strengths and that provide opportunities for leadership development

Mental Health Student Alliance:

MISSION:

The mission of the Harvard Chan Mental Health Student Alliance (MHSA) is two-fold:

- (1) To create an academic forum for all students to engage with relevant and current issues in public mental

health research, practice and policy;

(2) To promote a positive and inclusive environment for student mental health at Harvard Chan.

OBJECTIVES:

(1) To provide a space where Harvard Chan students with an interest in public mental health can come together to support each other, improve their research and practice, and develop professionally;

(2) To connect across schools and departments with Harvard students, faculty, staff, and affiliates doing research and practice in the field of public mental health;

(3) To connect with other mental health-relevant organizations across Harvard's schools and the wider Boston area;

(4) To promote student mental health including developing a culture of self-care, peer support, and institutional resources.

Native American Student Association:

The Harvard Chan Native American Student Organization (NASO) is a collaboration of Harvard School of Public Health students who aim to support Native American (American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian) students in their academic, professional, and personal development in the field of public health. NASO also aims to create safe spaces for conversations around, and raise awareness of, Native American and Indigenous health issues within the wider Harvard Chan School community.

We hope to accomplish this goal through the following objectives:

1) To serve as a resource for prospective, current, and former Native American Harvard Chan students, as well as prospective, current, and former Harvard Chan students interested in Native American health issues

2) To create space for conversations around, and advocate for greater exposure to Native American health concerns across the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; and

3) To connect current Native American students, alumni, and current students and alumni interested in Native American health issues, to provide opportunities for mentorship and professional development for the benefit of both students, alumni and the communities with whom they work.