

**STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)**  
**FY2027 PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

*Please answer the questions below. The totality of your responses should give the members of the Committee a comprehensive understanding of the role and function of your unit(s).*

**Questionnaire completed by (please include name, title, email, and phone number):**

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1. Please provide in brief terms: your unit's mission, goals that support your mission, and a justification of your unit's student fee allocation in terms of benefits for students.

Cougars in Recovery's (CIR) mission is to provide a continuum of support that bolsters success in recovery, academics, and professional pursuits which prepare students to confidently enter the workforce and lead enriching lives. We support 50-70 students in the program. Of those students, 15-20 of them live together in our sober living townhouse, in partnership with Student Housing and Residential Life. CIR provides campus wide recovery meetings on the main campus and Sugarland, and recovery ally training for staff, faculty and students at the university. The students in our community engage in mentorship opportunities, daily peer-to-peer support groups, and numerous sober community-building events. SFAC funds (\$210,857) are dedicated to staffing including the Director, Program Manager, and half of the Program Coordinator's salaries. The remainder of the Program Coordinator's salary and all costs associated with the CIR program are borne through fundraising. We fundraise endowment scholarships, grants, and gifts from private donors.

One of the most important services we provide is a 24/7 drop-in center on campus, so the students have a dedicated recovery space within the university setting. This space, along with the office spaces, is in Moody Towers which is set to be de-commissioned. The CIR staff, Dr. Kittle, and Chris Dawe are working to find a new permanent space on the campus. This project will involve the largest fundraiser CIR has ever undertaken.

Our annual Graduation Celebration and Friendraising Dinner highlights each of our seniors that graduated that year by allowing them to speak about their recovery and time at UH to family, friends and community stakeholders. It also serves as our largest fundraiser of the year. SFAC graciously gave CIR 15,000 last year to host the event, which in turn allowed for our most impactful graduation celebration to date! We raised nearly 8,000, which is a 60% increase on the average amount previously raised, due to the fact the staff could focus on student and guest experience rather than fundraising to pay for the event. We are grateful to SFAC for allocating this impactful program funding in addition to the salary support.

2. Please discuss the means that you are utilizing to evaluate your success in achieving the DSA strategic initiatives as well as action steps in contributing to the retention of students. Where data exists, discuss any assessment measures and/or learning outcomes used to evaluate program success. Please provide the method for collecting this data.

CIR is conducting multiple assessments to strengthen recovery support, student engagement, and overall well-being across the University's main and Sugar Land campuses. Through monthly All-Recovery Meetings, CIR gathers baseline data on faculty, staff, and students in recovery to identify needs and expand services, with findings analyzed at the end of spring 2026. The WISHES survey, administered each semester, evaluates student well-being and guides program improvements by comparing responses across semesters and groups to determine the impact of CIR participation. Additionally, CIR will assess the Outdoor Learning Adventure Experience (OALE), a unique program providing outdoor experiential learning trips that promote leadership, community, and resilience. Qualitative feedback from post-trip surveys will capture participants' experiences and takeaways to enhance future programming. Together, these assessments advance the Division of Student Affairs' Strategic Plan by promoting engagement, belonging, and retention through data-driven, holistic support initiatives.

3. Please discuss any budget or organizational changes experienced since your last (FY2026) SFAC request, their impact on your programs, and your reason for implementing them. SFAC recognizes that some programs did not receive the funds that they requested, that some programs were impacted by additional expenses after the conclusion of the budget cycle, and that some programs may be ahead of or behind their self-generated income projections.

CIR's Outdoor Adventure Learning Experience program is one of the most impactful events for most CIR students. This year CIR was awarded a 60,000 COOP grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to enhance the program's funding through Summer 2026. In addition to our usually fundraised two adventure trips annually, this grant is funding four additional experiential learning trips to Texas state parks, the purchase of new camping gear, service projects at the UH coastal center and providing jobs for two student coordinators to assist with all the campouts and grant related activity. This is the largest state grant CIR has ever received. Thanks to SFAC funding, we were also able to fill the program manager position, funded in Jan 2025 with Chloe Espenan. With Chloe, we are fully staffed with three FTE, which is the recommended staff to student ratio per our accreditation by the Association of Recovery in Higher Education.

4. Please use the following file naming conventions when submitting your pdf files to the Dean of Students:

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