

# TRITON INDIA CLUB

at UC San Diego

Constitution & Rules

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## 1. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called **Triton India Club at UC San Diego**

## 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### 1) GOAL OF THE ORGANIZATION

The goal of the organization would be to provide a platform to discuss and engage ideas related to education, industry, society, culture, arts, and music from the lens of India. We aim to bring together the Indian-origin students at UC San Diego while conducting activities for everyone that would truly promote the idea and culture of India - one of multiculturalism, inclusivity, and belongingness. The platform would be used to invite speakers from a wide range of domains - Arts, STEM, Public Policy, History, Economics, etc. to present their ideas. The organization will celebrate various festivals embodying the Indian spirit. The organization aims to be a representative body for the Indian community, and will strive to provide a platform that includes everyone.

### 2) TOPICS PROMOTED BY THE ORGANIZATION

Our main motive is to promote Indian culture and enhance and present the talent and abilities of Indian-origin students here at UC San Diego. The main topics that would be promoted by the organization would be:

- Indian culture and festivals
- Representation of Indian students
- Networking with industry alumnus
- Organizing talks of professionals from various domains

### 3) OUTCOMES OF THE ORGANIZATION

By being a part of the organization, a student can expect to:

- Get to celebrate Indian festivals and cultural activities.
- Get to attend talks by emeritus from various walks of life.
- Get a student body that would represent Indians at the university level.
- Get a standard platform to connect with the Indian community at UC San Diego.

### 3. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Triton India Club at UC San Diego is a **non-profit student organization**.

### 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### 1) REGISTRATION METHOD AND FEES

Registration of the organization would be **free** for everyone. The registration would be considered completed once the student completes a standard registration form that would be released and made public by the organization.

#### 2) ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS

Any UC San Diego registered student would be eligible to be a part of the organization. Membership in Triton India Club shall be open to any student, consistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement of the University of California. However, the executive board holds the right to terminate the membership of any member if they are found to violate any rules and conditions of the club.

#### 3) IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS

Student members will be recognized using their PID, the standard ID issued by UC San Diego. Identity Cards will act as proof of verification for any events where participants are required to be affiliated with UC San Diego.

#### 4) VALIDITY OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member once registered will continue to be a member of Triton India Club until one of the following things take place:

- The member graduates, in which case they will continue to be an "alumni" member.
- The member violates a rule of the organization, in which case their membership will be terminated with immediate effect on the decision by the executive committee, including a ban on attending any events or participating in meetings of the organization.
- The member decides to withdraw their participation from the organization, in which case a withdrawal form would be supposed to be filled them to get delisted from the organization. The organization will remove any facilities, services, or records of the member with immediate effect.

## 5. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The organization will have an executive meeting at least once every quarter, where the policies, programs, and progress of the organization will be discussed. We plan to have at least 1 executive meeting every quarter, and at least 5 executive meetings over the year. The minutes of the meeting may be registered, and meetings may be recorded with the due consent of the participating members. Both of these would be optional but highly recommended considering the scale of the organization.

## 6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE

### 1) ELIGIBILITY

**Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.** Preference will be given to graduate students when electing the executive committee in the future.

### 2) MAIN OFFICERS AND DUTIES

There will be four main officers comprising the inaugural executive committee. Their titles and duties would be as follows:

- **President:** The responsibility of the President would be to act as the representative of the organization, and spearhead the planning and execution of the organization's activities. The President would also be responsible for maintaining and ensuring the confidentiality of the member database, reaching out to any Indian government officials, and reporting to the Club advisor for any updates and issues.
- **Vice President:** The responsibility of the Vice President would be to assist the President in the execution of their duties and responsibilities. Additionally, the Vice President will keep a track of the organization's expenses, accounts, and transparency with the assistance of the President.
- **Secretary:** The primary responsibility of the Secretary would be to look into the successful organization of events and any logistics arrangement related to the same.
- **Marketing Chair:** The marketing chair would be responsible for looking into ways to improve the social presence of the organization, including handling the social media channels of the organization, and reaching out to potential sponsors and audiences for improving engagement.

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The organization may change the position titles and numbers in the future depending on the growth of the organization. Any such decision would have to be taken with due consultation with current members and the previous executive committee.

### **3) DURATION OF APPOINTMENT AND SELECTION**

The appointments would be for a duration of 1 academic year (12 months) or until the member graduates, whichever is nearer. The inaugural committee is being proposed directly, but beginning next year, the organization will have elections for the selection of the executive committee. Officers will assume their positions at the start of every academic year, or election cycle - depending on the dates of the first election of the organization. No member may be a part of the executive committee for more than 4 years.

### **4) TERMINATION OF POSITION**

Any member once elected will continue to hold the position until one of the following situations arise:

- The member graduates or completes four years in the executive committee, in which case they will no longer be a part of the executive committee. The position will be filled through elections.
- The member completes one year in their position, in which case they may either appear in the elections or step down from the position.
- The member is found to violate any rules of the organization. The rest of the executive committee can come together and hold a vote of majority to oust the member, including the President as well.

## **7. RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Triton India Club at UC San Diego is responsible for providing a safe and secure organization and strives to ensure that all individuals associated with the organization are treated respectfully and fairly. Though it is not possible to list all unacceptable forms of behavior, the following are examples of behavior that would be considered infractions of Triton India Club's rules of conduct. Such behavior may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of membership or the executive position if held by the individual. This list is not intended to be exhaustive:

- Theft or inappropriate removal or possession of organization funds or assets.
- Willful destruction of organization assets or the property of a fellow member.
- Working under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during an organization meeting or event.

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- Possession, distribution, sale, transfer, or use of an illegal substance in the organization, while an event, or while operating as an organization-affiliated member.
- Fighting or threatening violence to any member or group in the organization.
- Sexual or other harassment directed towards individuals or groups of individuals within or outside the organization.
- Using excessively abusive, threatening, or obscene language and intimidation tactics, or making threats to members in the organization or outside.
- Making or endorsing malicious, false, and harmful statements about India or its culture, society, and people.
- Publicly disclosing private information of an individual.
- Unauthorized disclosure of any confidential information of the organization or affiliated members.

The organization may append or update the rules at regular intervals depending on the zeitgeist and any recommendations by the advisor or the committee.

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Triton India Club at UC San Diego** is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

**Triton India Club at UC San Diego** understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

There are no potential risks involved in the organization's activities apart from the standard in-person event risks, and the organization will ensure all safety and risk mitigation standards are followed per the university protocol for in-person activities.

### **1) IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

Triton India Club at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important. International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

## **9. COMMUNITY ADVISOR**

In the future, the organization may appoint a community advisor, or a faculty member with experience aligning with the objectives of the association to mentor and support the organization in its activities.

## **10. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The organization will finance its activities through a combination of crowdfunding, event participation fees, and any potential university support. The money will be handled through an organization account if permitted, with the fund details being made public for transparency. If an organization account is not permitted, one of the executive members may take initiative to keep an account of the funds (by unanimous agreement of the committee). If required, the organization will submit a budget to the G.S.A. finance committee quarterly.

## **11. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS**

The organization will not be affiliated with any other groups. However, it may work together with other local, state, or national organizations for any particular events. In such a case, the affiliations will be made public and informed to the concerned authorities when reporting about the event.