

# Scholarship Review Board

Version 1.0

## 1. Goal

### 1.a Scholarship

Annual support scholarship program to suitably qualified efforts to cover access to support services for TCKs offered by Sun. The program will be funded at or above a rate of 30 efforts per year (current value of approximately \$1M) for at least the next 3 years.

### 1.b Scholarship Review Board (“Review Board”)

The Review Board determines which efforts are eligible for a support scholarship. The Review Board may also grant TCK access at no cost without support services to qualified efforts.

The Review Board consists of three members, one from Sun and two from the open source and/or educational communities. The Review Board uses simple majority voting rules to grant applications that come before it.

## 2. Formation and term

The Review Board has three members: one member is Sun and two members to come from the open source and/or educational communities.

Membership to the Review Board does not carry a term. Sun will use its reasonable judgment to appoint replacements in the case of resignations and may ask the resigning board member to make recommendations. The remaining board members will strive for unanimous consensus in the selection of a replacement.

Where a board member represents an organization (e.g. like Apache Software Foundation or Sun) then the organization can, in its sole discretion, assign and replace a representative to act on its behalf.

## 3. Launch

The Review Board takes office on August 12, 2002.

## 4. Applications to the Review Board

### 4.1 Applicability

Applications for TCK access (or access and support) will be accepted only for those Sun-led JSRs which, at the time of application, are available under licensing terms providing for no-cost TCK access.

### 4.2 Determining legal qualification

The Review Board reviews those efforts that legally qualify. Sun will assess each application and advise the Review Board of the applications that legally qualify. Both organizational and individual efforts can qualify:

- A legally organized not-for-profit (such as a “501 [c][3]” corporation) that is not owned or effectively controlled, based on prevailing standards of law in the applicable jurisdiction, by a commercial interest, that uses the TCK for the purpose of developing and distributing a compatible, noncommercial, independent implementation of a Spec.
- An individual not acting for or on behalf of a legally organized entity that uses the

TCK for the purpose of developing and distributing a compatible, noncommercial, independent implementation of a Spec.

Noncommercial means an implementation that is not used by the applicant for direct or indirect commercial or strategic gain or advantage.

Sun will inform the Review Board which applications were found not to qualify, including the reasons for failing. All applications will be visible to the Review Board.

The Review Board will subsequently establish that such entity is ready to begin testing its credible implementation of the Spec in question.

#### **4.3 Determining credibility of the effort**

The Review Board determines the credibility of the effort that is requesting TCK access (with or without support). The Review Board will assess among other things whether the applicant is the original developer, or the steward of at least a substantial portion of the product and how far along the applicant is in the development of the product, the applicant's success record with other projects. The Review Board will use this information and other factors in its voting to approve the application.

#### **4.4 Voting**

The Board will vote on qualified applications in a timely manner, if possible within one month of receipt of the application. Simple majority rules will apply to determine the outcome of the vote. The applicant will be informed of the outcome within one week of the vote concluding.

If the vote is in favor of the applicant, the applicant will be sent further instructions and the Review Board will pass on management of the application to Sun.

The Review Board's decisions on applications will be final.

#### **4.5 Application requirements**

An effort that is applying for a support scholarship or that is applying for TCK access without support may be asked to provide:

- Identification (who are you?)
- Contact information
- For organizations:
  - Legal status
  - Organizational structure including bylaws, decision making process, ownership
  - Funding
- For individuals:
  - Employment information, including whether the person is a business owner
- Description of the effort it is undertaking, the product it is developing
- A schedule
- Which JSR(s) it is applying for
- If support is requested or access only

An organization that is applying will be urged to provide a single point of contact.

#### **5. Tracking of grants**

Sun will provide the Review Board with facilities to track which grants were awarded, which applications were approved or rejected and so on.

When an applicant is granted a support scholarship, the applicant will be contacted by the appropriate Sun organization. In order to receive the TCK (and support if granted) the applicant will need to agree with and sign the TCK license agreement for that TCK.

The organization within Sun responsible for providing support for Sun's TCK will report quarterly via e-mail to the Review Board on the status and progress of the applications that were granted support services.

#### **6. Web presence**

There shall be clearly identified pages on java.sun.com dedicated to the Scholarship support program. This web area shall contain among other things: the goals of the program, the formation of the Review Board, application requirements and decision rules.

Information on the grants awarded by the Board will also be available from these web pages.

The web location will be <http://java.sun.com/scholarship/>.

#### **7. Evolution**

As the Review Board gains experience over time in the running of the scholarship program it may evolve and streamline the rules of its operation. After installment the Review Board members will decide on appropriate procedures for evolving its rules.

#### **8. Disclaimer**

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