



## **How to Start a Cal Athletics Student-Athlete Led Organization**

### **What is an Student-Athlete Led Organization?**

Cal Student Athlete Led Organization (SALO's) are by and for Cal Student-Athletes - designed to build community and belonging, and provide opportunities for positive social, educational, and community growth and impact for members and the larger Cal and Bay Area community around specific areas of interest and identity. There are 7 current Cal SALO's and ALL are welcome and encouraged to take part. It's an awesome opportunity to **connect** with each other, **contribute** to your own development and build and be in service to **community**!

Becoming an SALO comes with many benefits, privileges, and responsibilities! Read more about roles, responsibilities, and privileges of becoming an official Cal Athletics' SALO [here](#). You will need at least three founding (3) members who will be responsible for upholding the University and Cal Athletics' mission, vision, and values as it relates to your engagement group experience.

There are two times per year to apply to become an SALO. Applications accepted

- June - July for Fall Semester, and,
- October - December for Spring Semester

There are 6 key steps to becoming an SALO:

1. [Set up an appointment](#) with the Cameron Institute team to review the application process, and discuss your vision!
2. Define your organization's unique need & purpose!
  - a. On a campus like Berkeley, there are many resources and ways to get involved. How is your organization different? What need does it meet, or what gap does it fill for the Student Athlete community?
  - b. Spend time to document your mission will help you generate awareness and recruit others to join. ([You can find the original concept for Cal's Golden Girls SALO here](#))
3. Identify Founding Members
  - a. You just need a minimum of three (3) founding members to get started. These three founding members will be the official representatives of your organization,

responsible for submitting the application, and attending required appointments or trainings.

4. **Connect with other SA's & staff to create a unique community that is representative of Cal:**
  - a. **Gain a minimum of 10 signatures from other student-athletes - must represent diversity across minimum of 5 sports**
  - b. **Identify an Organization Group Mentor to provide support and guidance to your group**
5. **Complete the New Organization Application**
6. **Make an appointment with your 3-members and the Cameron Institute for an advising session to review your application, and roles and responsibilities.**