STUDENT-LED OUTREACH GRANTS: CATEGORY BRIEFS

GRANT CATEGORIES

1. Outreach For Prospective Students

"Widening access to Cambridge University for students interested in applying to Cambridge, seeking to advance knowledge of the undergraduate or postgraduate admissions process and ensuring under-represented students have the tools to make informed decisions about University.

Explainer:

To be eligible for this grant, the grant request must be to fund a project led by students that aims to widen access to Cambridge University. The project should support under-represented students by helping them navigate the undergraduate or postgraduate admissions process and make informed decisions about applying.

Examples:

- *A webinar on interview guidance for your subject*
- *A schools tour to North East state schools*
- *A mentorship program for students from low-income backgrounds*
- *A workshop on personal statement writing*

Specific eligibility:

To be eligible for this grant, the grant request must be to fund something that is either necessary for or would enhance an activity aimed at widening access to Cambridge University. In each case, the proposed activity must directly contribute to helping students from under-represented backgrounds make informed decisions about applying to Cambridge

2. Outreach to the local community

"These proposals will look to widen participation in the University for local students and residents, acknowledging the role that Cambridge University can play in fostering community and providing educational opportunities to the city. Examples may include: a fundraising event for winter emergency accommodation; families trip to Cambridge University Museums; open lecture series for Cambridge residents."

Explainer:

These proposals aim to widen participation in the University for local students and residents, emphasizing Cambridge's role in fostering community.

Examples:

- *An open lecture series for residents.*
- *A community outreach event to introduce local students to university life*
- *A free workshop on college application tips for local high school students*
- *A volunteer tutoring program for local primary school students*

Specific eligibility:

To be eligible for this grant, applicants must be current Cambridge students leading projects that support under-represented groups or engage the local community. The project must focus on widening access to education and align with the university's goals of inclusion and participation.

Overall eligibility criteria

- In order to make a grant application:
  - You must be a current Cambridge student
  - You must keep all of the receipts from the event as we work via reimbursement

- The SU cannot give grants for:
  - Purchasing any illegal items (note though that otherwise, requests *are* assessed on a case-by-case basis)
  - Purchasing anything or paying for services from the SU itself (e.g., a Freshers' Fair stall booking)
  - Any expenditure over £750
  - Any money or resources to be donated to other organisations, including charities
  - Any partial funding (due to auditing reasons)
  - Applications submitted after the event has already happened

Approval/rejection process

1. The panel will review the application based on the following criteriaa)
   a. How much the application relates to the specific grant category applied for
   b. If the item(s) are essential to the running of the event
   c. Whether specific details relating to the event or project have been included
   d. Application results are either approved, partially approved or denied. We may redirect applicants to other funds if relevant.
   e. Please note, grant amounts are awarded at the discretion of the panel based on the factors above.

   Timeline

   Application result received - up to 14 days
   Payment approval - up to 14 days to be approved post application result received
   Payment made - up to one month after management approval to be made

Student-Led Outreach grant panel

- Composed of:
    - Representation & Widening Participation Project Coordinator
    - A Sabbatical Officer