

Student Opportunities Fund Criteria 2018-19	
What we are looking to fund	What we are not looking to fund
Only applications from enrolled, current students	Applications submitted by staff, alumni or students who are not enrolled at Royal Holloway
Applications that support initiatives, events and other activities for our student community. Preference will be given to new or start up activities, including those that can demonstrate the potential for self-funding or external support in the future.	Student Opportunities funding will not replace funding that should be provided on an ongoing basis for core activity. Please meet with your supporting department to identify whether there is a need for the project/initiative.
Applications that offer the widest possible benefit to students, academic departments or the broader community. Applications for funding that benefit a higher number of students will be given preference. Please note that these projects will likely require a budget of over £100.	An application that provides funding for one student is unlikely to be considered. <i>Please note exception for Sports Scholars.</i>
We will consider single applications for funding for projects that take place over & up to three academic years and demonstrate sustainability.	We will not consider application for the same project/activity in successive years or projects that require recurrent or repeated funding from the Student Opportunities Fund in order to continue. <i>Please note exception for Sports Scholars.</i>
Applications which are innovative and align to the College's strategic aims. <i>Please see strategic plan here.</i>	We will not fund applications that do not clearly align to the strategic aims. <i>Please see strategic plan here.</i>
Applications must be for projects that start or take place in the academic year 2018/19. Please note that the projects do not necessarily have to be completed in the same academic year.	Applications for retrospective funding will not be considered. For example, an application for a project that is in its delivery or has been completed will not be funded.
Applications for tangible items will only be considered if they show longevity and a wider benefit to a larger student audience.	Cyclical replacement and/or maintenance of equipment, one off items with limited future use (e.g. perishables) or items that an individual might keep are unlikely to be considered.
Preference will be given to projects where the Student Opportunities Fund is the major source of funding.	We may not support applications eligible for majority funding from external sources. <i>Please discuss with your supporting department.</i>
Preference will be given to student experience projects that are not directly related to a degree programme.	Applications for projects which are related to your degree programme and are a requirement for your academic progression. For example, Media Arts filming projects.
Applicants must complete all details of the application form. <i>Please see your supporting department for guidance.</i>	The Student Opportunities Fund will not consider incomplete applications. <i>Please see your supporting department before submitting an application.</i>

All applications will be required to provide a detailed budget as evidence for the funding being applied for. <i>Please see your supporting department for guidance.</i>	The Student Opportunities Fund will not consider applications with estimated budgets that do not clearly state what costs the funding will cover.
Applications must be for projects that are accessible to and inclusive of the entire student community at Royal Holloway.	The Student Opportunities Fund will not consider applications that restrict membership of the activity for the purposes of excluding or discriminating against a specific group of students.

Exceptions for Sports Scholars (*please contact Allie Nelkon for further information*)

- Applications for single sports scholars will be considered for international competitions
- Travel to and from international competitions may be considered
- Uniform/kit for a specific competition will not be funded
- Repeat applications from Sports Scholars may be considered for international competitions