

## Student Opportunities Fund Criteria

The Student Opportunities Fund supports student-led projects or initiatives that align with one of three themes:

Global Perspectives	Entrepreneurship	Culture & Community
Supporting individuals or small groups of students with their travel to pursue an extracurricular activity taking place outside of the UK.	Supporting individuals or student groups* to lead on a one-off cultural event or recurring activity that will contribute to the sense of community on campus, and develop a strong cultural presence in the local area	Supporting individuals or student groups* to kick-start a project, social enterprise or activity that will enhance the wider student experience on campus, and support our students as active and responsible citizens.

\*refers to student groups not affiliated with the Students' Union.

What we are looking to fund	What we are <u>not</u> 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 offer the widest possible benefit to students, the university 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 the benefit of a single student is unlikely to be considered, <b>with the exception</b> of applications under the Global Perspective theme. For personal development opportunities, please see the <a href="#">Career Development Awards</a> .
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 check with your supporting department to identify whether there is a real need for the project/initiative.
Applications which are innovative and align to one or more of the College's strategic aims. <i>Please see strategic plan <a href="#">here</a>.</i>	We will not fund applications that do not clearly align to any of the strategic aims. <i>Please see strategic plan <a href="#">here</a>.</i>
We will consider single funding applications for projects that take place over and up to three academic years as long as they can 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. <b>An exception</b> may be made for applicants under the Global Perspectives theme competing in annual international competitions.
Applications must be made before the start of a project.	Applications for retrospective funding will not be considered, e.g. 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 funded.

Preference will be given to projects where the Student Opportunities Fund is the major source of funding. Applicants are encouraged to fundraise any remaining costs not covered by the Student Opportunities Fund.	Applications that are eligible for alternative College funding will not be considered. We may not support applications eligible for majority funding from external sources.
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 will not be considered, e.g. a Media Arts final year project. For the Study Support Grant, please contact <a href="#">Student Financial Wellbeing</a> .
Applicants must complete all details of the application form. All applications will be required to provide a detailed budget as evidence for the funding being applied for. <i>Please contact your supporting department for guidance.</i>	The Student Opportunities Fund will not consider incomplete applications, e.g. estimated budgets that do not clearly state what costs the funding will cover. <i>Please contact your supporting department before submitting an application.</i>
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 to a specific group of students.