



FUSA Development Grant Application Guidelines

The Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) promotes and advances the rights, interests and welfare of students.

In support of this objective, funds are available to help students pursue opportunities that sit outside of the normal curriculum. FUSA Development Grants can be put towards the cost of participating in an activity that focus on professional development, student representation and leadership, through to opportunities that are cultural or socially significant.

Application forms must be submitted by the due date and must comply with the criteria detailed below.

Key Dates 2017

Semester 1 Development Grants

Open 27 February

Close 31 March.

Applications must be for activities taking place from the 31 March 2017 until 26 August 2017.

Semester 2 Development Grants

Open 24 July

Close 18 August

Applications must be for activities taking place from the 18 August 2017 until 26 February 2018.

1. Grant Eligibility Criteria:

1.1 Applicants must seek funding for an activity that focuses on at least one of the areas below:

- a. Professional development linked to the applicant's area of study.
- b. Student representation or leadership opportunities that link with the applicant's current campus activities.
- c. Cultural or social significance linking to the applicant's current campus activities.

1.2 The applicant must be:

- a. a member of FUSA.
- b. an individual (clubs and societies are not eligible to apply)
- c. a currently enrolled Flinders University student.

2. Ineligibility

2.1 FUSA Development Grants cannot be used for the following:

- d. School, Department course or topic field trips
- e. Compulsory School, Department, course or topic placements
- f. Sporting competitions or events
- g. Political Parties' events or activities.

- h. General costs associated with an international exchange (specific events or activities may be considered)
- i. General research costs (specific events or activities may be considered)

3. Assessment Criteria

- 3.1** Grant applications will be assessed according to how well they match the purpose and selection criteria of the Development Grant Guidelines. A detailed budget with costings must be included with the application.
- 3.2** The applicant must include supporting documentation of acceptance to or involvement in the activity or event. This may include: flight details, registration details, confirmation letter, receipt or invoices, event timetable.
- 3.3** Where possible, FUSA will award grants to undergraduates and postgraduates in proportion with overall percentage enrolment trends.
- 3.4** There will be two grant rounds each year. Preference will be given to first time applicants. A student can only be awarded one Development Grant per calendar year. Grants are subject to funding. FUSA reserves the right to not award grants in any given grant cycle.
- 3.5** The grant will cover **no more than 85% of the costs** associated with the proposed activity. The maximum grant will not exceed \$800. If you are unable to cover 15% of the costs associated with the proposed activity, please contact the FUSA Student Representation and Development Officer (details below).
- 3.6** Students are expected to identify other sources of income and, where appropriate, evidence applications for alternative funds (both successful and unsuccessful). Schools, Faculties and Departments, the International Office, the Scholarship Office and clubs and societies should be considered dependent on the nature of the application. External avenues of funding should also be explored.

4. Additional Information

- 4.1** FUSA reserves the right to award a lesser amount than that which is requested by the applicant.
- 4.2** All money received must be acquitted in accordance with the proposed budget. A separate acquittal/completion report must be submitted by all grant recipients no later than 6 weeks after the completion of their activity.
- 4.3** The payment conditions for successful applications will be through reimbursement of money already spent OR via direct payment of costs (where possible).

5. Assessment Process

- 5.1** FUSA will endeavour to inform Grant applicants of the success of their applications no later than two weeks from the close of applications.
- 5.2** Late applications will not be considered. FUSA reserves the right to award grants outside of these times in exceptional circumstances.
- 5.3** FUSA's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

6. Reporting/Acquittal

- 6.1** Successful applicants are expected to commit to providing FUSA with a completion/acquittal report of their activity. This includes:
- a. A written report of 600-800 words.
 - b. Photographs or other media where possible
 - c. Presentation to students where appropriate (E.g., in a tutorial).

Further details see the **Completion/Acquittal Report Guidelines**

- 6.2** FUSA reserves the right to make use of successful applicants' reports, images or other related material for promotional or reporting purposes. This may include publication in Empire Times (at the discretion of the editors) or on the FUSA website.
- 6.3** Where an activity outlined in a successful grant application does not take place for any reason applicants must advise FUSA immediately and arrange for the reimbursement to FUSA of funds granted. Applicants would then be eligible to apply for the next round of grants in the same calendar year.

Any questions?

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