**University of St Andrews Students’ Association: Funding Options Guide**

**Student Project Fund**

**Purpose:**
The Student Project Fund supports members of the Students’ Association with project ideas that contribute to the student experience or offer clear student development. It serves as a backup for rejected applications from other funds or for projects/events that do not meet other funding criteria.

**Guidelines:**

* **Maximum Award:** £200 (Additional funds may be requested but require full committee approval).
* **Application Process:** If other funds are available, they must be applied for first, and evidence of this is required. For example:
	+ Societies: Apply to the Societies Fund.
	+ School Presidents/Class Reps: Apply to school funds or the Education Discretionary Fund.
	+ Theatre productions: Apply to Mermaids or the Anthony Tudor Fund.
* **Eligible Expenses:** Events, marketing, travel, and related costs.
* **Event Requirements:** Must be open to all students and comply with the Association's Equality and Diversity Policy.
* **Exclusions:** Cannot be used for alcohol purchases.
* **Reporting:** A written report is required post-project, and original receipts/invoices must be provided.

**Societies Committee Funds**

* **Societies Fund:** Supports society activities, events, and other society-related costs.
* **Charitable Events Fund:** Dedicated to society events aimed at fundraising for charitable causes.
* **New Societies Fund:** Provides initial funding for newly established societies.
* **Freshers' and Refreshers' Fund:** Offers funding for societies to host events during Freshers' and Refreshers' Week.

**Employability Fund**

**Purpose:**
This fund supports affiliated societies in hosting career or employability-based events.

**Guidelines:**

* **Maximum Award:** £200 (additional funds require full committee approval).
* **Eligible Expenses:** Events, marketing, travel, and related costs.
* **Event Requirements:** Must be open to all students and comply with the Equality and Diversity Policy.
* **Exclusions:** Alcohol purchases are not permitted.
* **Reporting:** A written report and receipts/invoices are required post-event.

**Mermaids Performing Arts Fund**

**Purpose:**
Mermaids supports performing arts in St Andrews by funding student-run theatre productions.

**Guidelines:**

* Funding is awarded based on financial, logistical, and skills-based merits, ensuring all costs are accounted for and the event breaks even at 66% attendance.
* Provides performance spaces, resources, and financial support for student productions.
* Applications for funding are accepted each semester.

**Education Levelling-Up Fund (ELF)**

**Purpose:**
ELF supports School Presidents and Class Reps in promoting academic representation through events and initiatives.

**Guidelines:**

* **Maximum Award:** £150 (exceptions can be made with prior consultation).
* **Eligible Expenses:** Conferences, careers events, sports tournaments, and language classes.
* **Reimbursement:** Works on a reimbursement basis; receipts or invoices must be provided.
* **Exclusions:** Alcohol purchases are not covered.
* **Event Requirements:** Must follow the Major Events Checklist and Risk Assessment Policy.

**Postgraduate Events Fund**

**Purpose:**
This fund supports events aimed at increasing postgraduate engagement within affiliated societies or postgraduate communities.

**Guidelines:**

* **Maximum Award:** £250.
* **Eligible Applicants:** Affiliated societies or postgraduate academic representatives.
* **Event Requirements:** Must be aimed at increasing postgraduate participation and can be exclusive to postgraduates.
* **Exclusions:** Alcohol purchases are not covered.

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**Anthony Tudor Fund**

**Purpose:**
Supports student groups and societies in drama, music, and other staged entertainment.

**Guidelines:**

* Emphasis on financial sustainability, creativity, and town/gown relations.
* Applications reviewed regularly by the University Drama and Music Committee.

**Rector’s Fund**

**Purpose:**
A grant for students pursuing internships or projects aimed at creating positive change.

**Eligibility:**
Open to matriculated students with an accepted internship offer at the time of application. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and a commitment to creating positive change.

**Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Project Fund**

**Purpose:**
Supports projects that enhance equality, diversity, and inclusivity within the university.

**Guidelines:**

* Funding can be used for events, workshops, research, and training related to EDI.
* Student-led projects are not required to have matched funding, but collaborative applications are encouraged.
* Excludes hardship funding and international travel.

**Student Activities Fund**

**Purpose:**
Funds activities that promote student community, skills development, and inclusivity.

**Maximum Award:** £1000.
**Uses:** Events, guest lecturers, specialist training, equipment, and field trips.

**Entrepreneurship Centre (Start-Up and Spin-Out Fund)**

**Purpose:**
Offers funding for staff and students involved in start-ups and spin-outs through various enterprise programmes and competitions.

**Scotland’s Future Series Fund**

**Purpose:**
Supports research and events that enhance debate and discussion on Scotland's future. A £35,000 fund is available annually for projects that foster interdisciplinary collaboration and community engagement.

**St Leonard’s College Funds**

* **Community Fund:** Provides small grants (up to £500) for initiatives that enhance the postgraduate community.
* **Development Fund:** Supports collaborative projects that impact postgraduate research student culture. Grants up to £5,000 are available for seed funding.