What is the purpose of this fund?
The purpose of this fund is to support, enhance and develop student-led projects that benefit University of Edinburgh students and communities they aim to support, within and/or beyond the University.

Who can apply?
Any student at the university of Edinburgh whose project aims to achieve one of the following:

1. Improves the student experience
2. Builds community
3. Creates a sense of belonging and connection
4. Encourages active citizenship
5. Has a lasting and demonstratable impact

What do you mean by community?
This refers to the specific group or demographic of people your project aims to benefit, as well as geographical area within which your project takes place.

What do you mean by active citizenship?
Someone who takes an active role in the community to help others or a cause.

When can I apply?
Applications are open 19 August - 30 November and 11 January - 1 March. However, they may close early should allotted funds for each Semester be granted.

How much money can I apply for?
Applications will be capped at £500, but we may consider applications with higher values in exceptional circumstances. Applications for less than £500 are welcome.

Does it matter where I do my project?
It can take place in the UK or abroad but must directly benefit University of Edinburgh students.

What won’t you fund?
For a list of what won’t be funded, please refer to the fund’s Terms and Conditions.

What if I need funding from other funders as well?
We will consider funding projects where the size of the total project budget means you need to get funding from other funds.
Can I reapply if my application was unsuccessful in the past?
Yes. However, if you intend to apply with the same project, we advise that you revisit the fund aims and guidance. Please only apply for what you need and consider other pots of funding available to you also. You will not be penalised for applying elsewhere at the same time.

How many grants will you make each year?
It depends on how many people apply, how much money they ask for, and whether their projects are feasible and fundable.

How can I increase my chances of success?
Please refer to the fund’s guidelines and checklist for tips for success.

Who will decide if my application gets funded?
The Student Opportunities Department.

When will I hear the outcome of my application?
Both successful and unsuccessful projects will hear within 14 days, excluding University holidays when the Student Opportunities Department does not meet.

I have changed my mind about my project, can I keep funding I awarded?
You must use the funding as detailed in your application. If your project does not go ahead as planned, please contact the Student Opportunities Department to discuss this further. It may have to be returned to the pot.

I didn’t spend the full grant I was awarded; can I keep the left over money?
Any unspent funds must be returned once the project is finished.

What other funds can I apply for?
Find out about other internal and external funds available to support student-led activities, including support for students who face financial barriers to participate in these by visiting the Students’ Association’s Find Funding webpage.