About the Fund
The Start-Up Fund is administered by the Activities Department and provides discretionary funding to brand-new Social Enterprise Groups or projects. The fund is intended for early stage start-ups that require financial support to kick start their activities, with the objective of reaching a point where the activity is self-sustaining and generates its own income.

This fund is primarily aimed at supporting the purchase of materials required to develop prototypes, create products for sale, or the necessary equipment for selling your products or services, e.g. banners. While applications for other activities will be considered, priority will be given to applicants requiring development materials over other costs.

You can make an application for up to £1,000.

Eligibility Criteria

▪ In order to be eligible for the Start-Up Fund, you must be an undergraduate, postgraduate, or PhD student at the University of Edinburgh, including Edinburgh College of Art, and establishing a Social Enterprise Group or project within the umbrella of the Social Enterprise Service.

▪ To be considered a Start-Up, a Social Enterprise Group or project must have been functioning for less than 2 years and have a profit margin of less than £7,500.

▪ This is a discretionary award, and therefore the Activities Department reserves the right to decline funding at any point in the application process.

Conditions

▪ Allow a minimum of 2 weeks after applying for due consideration.

▪ Successful applicants will be required to keep receipts of their purchases and be prepared to produce evidence of this record upon request.

▪ Successful applicants will be required to meet with an advisor a minimum of 3 times over the course of 6 months following funding disbursement to discuss progress.

Application
Please submit your application via this [form](#).

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