PARTICIPATION GRANT GUIDANCE

Aim

The Activities and Sports Participation Grant aims to support students to take part in extra-curricular activities by reducing financial barriers.

Eligibility

This grant is **only** for students who fit one of these criteria:

- UK undergraduate students in receipt of a University of Edinburgh Access Scholarship
- UK undergraduate students in receipt of a University of Edinburgh Scholarship
- UK undergraduate students in receipt of a University of Edinburgh Scotland Scholarship
- Postgraduate students who were in receipt of a University of Edinburgh Scholarship as an undergraduate
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We recognise that some students **may face additional financial barriers** to participating in extracurricular activities, and we are keen to explore how the Participation Grant could support students from those groups. Let us know if you identify into any of the following groups:

- I am a disabled student; I have a long-term physical or mental health condition which impacts on my day-to-day life
- I am a student carer; I have unpaid caring responsibilities for a friend, partner or family member
- I am a student parent; I am the parent or guardian of a child or young person
- I am care-experienced; I am, or have been in the past, in the care of a local authority – this includes residential, foster and kinship care
- I am an estranged student; I have little or no contact with my family, and receive no support from them whilst studying

If you have identify in one or more of these groups, but no do not currently receive a scholarship, we will consider your application but may need to contact you to discuss your eligibility.
Amount

Students can apply for up to £200.

Students who have applied before in the same academic year can apply again for further expenses incurred. Applications for equipment or memberships that have already been approved will not be accepted.

Make sure to detail as many of the costs that you know will be incurred in your application.

Activities

The money applied for can be used towards activities hosted by Edinburgh University Students’ Association, University of Edinburgh Sports Club or sports activities.

You can also apply for money towards a Sports and Exercise gym membership, only where it is compulsory for the sports club membership.

Examples of eligible activity are:

- Club/society membership
- Kit and equipment
- Tournament, competition, class or workshop fees
- Travel costs *
- Trips **
- Additional costs occurring through access needs

* Travel costs will be covered for regular activity, excluding taxi fares.
** Trips will be funded if they are a result of continual and regular involvement in the club or society. One off trips will not be funded.

Please note that the application process is a competitive one and not all applications are guaranteed to be successful.
Examples of Participation Grant Funding

A student wants to join the Curling Team and needs to pay for a Curling membership. This costs £70. As well as this they need to fund the travel to and from Murrayfield each week. On the bus, this costs £3.40 a week. The Sports Union membership is £5.

For the semester, the student will incur costs of £115.80. A student can apply to the Participation Grant for all these costs.

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A student wants to play netball recreationally. The recreational netball membership is £38 and to be a part of this, the student needs to purchase a full year gym membership at £120. Alongside this, the student needs to purchase kit and trainers. This comes in at £60.

For the semester, this comes to a total of £218. Students can apply for up to £200, so the student should detail all the costs and the grant would be able to cover £200 of this.

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A student wants to join the History Society. Membership is £5. Taking part in the History Society trip costs £180.

For the semester, this totals £185 and all of this can be included in the Participation Grant application.

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A student wants to join the Baking Society. Membership is £5. Alternate weeks costs £1 as the student doesn't bake. The other weeks, baking ingredients cost £60 over the course of the year.

For the year this would cost £65 and all of these costs can be accounted for in the Participation Grant application.