



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Societies Syndicate Application for a Grant

Please note, grants will not normally be awarded to societies that do not charge a membership fee. Please read about this and other important information in the Notes of Advice (p.3) before completion. If you are applying for a Guarantee Against Loss, please use the Guarantee Against Loss Application Form.

Applications must be typed and sent by email to the Senior Treasurer for approval before onward transmission, direct from the Senior Treasurer, by email to the Secretary of the Societies Syndicate: SocietiesSyndicate@admin.cam.ac.uk

Please supply financial figures to the nearest pound (£).

Name of society	
Date of application	
Date / year society first established	
Is the society registered with the Junior Proctor? (The Societies Syndicate will only consider applications from societies registered with the Junior Proctor. If your society is not registered, please wait for confirmation of registration before applying for a grant. See http://www.proctors.cam.ac.uk/societies#section-0 for information)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Total requested	£
Type of grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Launch <input type="checkbox"/> One-off <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
Has the society's Senior Treasurer approved this application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Officers of the society			Number of members*		
Position	Name	College	Type	Last Year	Current Year
Chair			CU student members		
Secretary			CU non-student members		
Junior Treasurer			Non-CU members		
Senior Treasurer			Life members		

* Include only those registered as *bona fide* members - i.e. persons who have paid the relevant subscription, or who otherwise are admitted to and maintained in membership. DO NOT include people who have simply expressed an interest in the activities of the society.

Subscription Rates	Last Year	Current Year
Annual Rate	£	£
Life Rate	£	£

Aims (Briefly state the aims of the society as recorded in its constitution. Provide information about the scope, nature and number of meetings/events/activities, including participation and attendance data.)

Date of last application for a Grant	Amount requested	Amount received
	£	£

Nature of request

(State briefly but lucidly the case for financial assistance. Give specific reasons why a grant is justified; detail costs of any items to be purchased, with quotes where available.)

- Launch One-off: Capital purchase One-off: travel expenses One-off: special activities Ongoing
 Other

Financial statement

Balance Give the society's total bank balance (or reserves, etc.) at the start of the current financial year	£
Dates of society's financial year	From to

Income	<i>Last complete FY</i>	<i>Current FY (supply estimate for full year)</i>
Annual subscriptions		
Life subscriptions		
Admission charges, use of facilities, etc		
Grants and donations <i>of which from Societies Syndicate</i>		
Other (please specify)		
Total income		

Expenditure	<i>Last complete FY</i>	<i>Current FY (supply estimate for full year)</i>
Hire charges: Premises Equipment (please specify)		
Equipment and supplies (please specify)		
Administration		
Travel costs (please specify) e.g. hire charges, mileage		
Other expenditure (please specify)		
Total expenditure		

If income exceeds expenditure and you are applying for a grant, please explain

Assets at time of application	
Description (including age and life expectancy)	
Value	

Applicant's Name		College	
Position		Email	

Notes of Advice to Applicants

1. The Societies Syndicate gives financial assistance to University clubs and societies that are registered with the Proctors' Office. Sports clubs should apply to the Sports Committee.
2. The Syndicate's annual income is derived from the University and from a capitation fee payment made by College JCRs and equivalent bodies. An Annual Report is distributed to these bodies detailing that year's allocation of funds to societies.
3. Applications are usually assessed by the Technical Committee of the Syndicate, which consists of twelve Junior Members of the University with experience of running University societies. The Technical Committee is chaired by the Junior Proctor, and may make grants of up to £1,500 and guarantees against loss of up to £3,000, without reference to the Syndicate. Applications for support above these limits will be referred to the Syndicate, but may be given preliminary consideration by the Technical Committee which may give advice or make recommendations to the Syndicate as appropriate.
4. The Societies Syndicate typically expects societies to charge a membership fee, demonstrating that efforts have been made to be financially sustainable. Societies are expected, as a matter of general principle, to be self-financing and to meet their day-to-day expenditure, including travel expenses and the cost of speaker meetings, etc. from subscriptions and/or other contributions from members, or from other sources of revenue. Consequently, the Committee does not ordinarily make grants to cover running costs, but awards grants mainly for non-recurrent or capital expenditure, for example towards the purchase of an item of equipment that would be of long-term benefit to members, and which a society cannot reasonably or realistically be expected to meet from its normal revenues.
5. Established societies seeking funds should clearly describe assets, their age and life expectancy.

There are four types of financial assistance available from the Syndicate:

Launch Grants

- Normally £200 or less
- Intended to cover the start-up costs of a new society
- Applicants should detail what the grant will be spent on (e.g. publicity, first meeting, stall at the Societies Fair, freshers' squash)

One-off Grants

These may cover:

The purchase of an item of capital equipment

- Granted when a society wishes to purchase an item of lasting and continuing benefit to the society, and it is not feasible for them to purchase it itself
- Where equipment is income-generating, the society will be expected to cover operational and replacement costs itself
- Applicants should provide details of the life expectancy of every item to be purchased and a description of how the items are to be stored and maintained
- Ideally, more than one quote for every item to be purchased should be provided

Travel expenses

- Awarded to provide assistance with a society's exceptional expenditure on travel
- These will not usually be given for one-off travel, or for travel to (for example) competitions or to musical and dramatic performances; these costs are expected to be met by members directly or from the society's other income
- Applicants must show that the expenditure is both integral to and an inherent part of their primary activities, but that the costs cannot be met from subscriptions or other income

Awards for special activities

- Granted for events outside the normal activities of the society which are not feasibly self-financing
- Applicants may instead wish to apply for a guarantee against loss
- Applicants should provide full financial information for the event, including itemised income and expenditure

Ongoing Grants

- Awarded to support ongoing general expenses which are not feasibly self-financing
- Applicants must provide details of the expenditure (including duration) and reasons why the costs cannot be met from subscriptions or other income

Guarantees against Loss

- Given on events, such as musical or theatrical productions, or on an issue of a publication (normally the first)
- Guarantees are only given to cover losses owing to unforeseen circumstances
- Payment will only be made when the audited accounts of the events concerned are received
- Accounts must be received within 3 months of the events ending
- Applicants must submit applications well in advance of the event
- Applicants should budget to break-even without assuming that a guarantee will be granted, and where feasible should build a contingency into the budget (without assuming that a guarantee will be granted)