

## **FUSA Development Grant Criteria**

The Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) promotes and advances the rights, interests and welfare of students.

In support of this objective, funds are available to help students pursue opportunities that sit outside of the normal curriculum. FUSA Development Grants can be put towards the cost of attending activities or events that focus on professional development, student representation and leadership, through to opportunities that are cultural or socially significant.

Successful applicants must be willing to share their experiences or any knowledge gained with the wider student body.

Application forms must be submitted by the due date and must comply with the criteria detailed below.

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1. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial support to students who wish to participate in an event or activity that focuses on at least one of the areas below:
  - a. Professional development that is linked to the applicant's area of study.
  - b. Student representation or leadership opportunities that link with the applicant's current FUSA affiliated campus activities.
  - c. Cultural or social significance and can be linked to the applicant's area of study or to the applicant's current FUSA affiliated campus activities.
2. Applicants must be able to link their applications to Section 4.1 (a), (b) and (d) of FUSA's constitution. They are:
  - 4.1. The functions and purpose of the Association are to:
    - (a) promote and advance the rights, interests and welfare of students;
    - (b) represent students within and outside the University;
    - ...
    - (d) provide the means for effective communication between students, the Association and the University;
3. The applicant must be:
  - a. a member of FUSA.
  - b. an individual (clubs and societies are not eligible to apply)
  - c. a currently enrolled Flinders University student.
4. The grant will cover no more than 75% of the costs associated with the proposed activity. The maximum grant will not exceed \$1000. A detailed budget with costings must be included with the application.
5. FUSA reserves the right to award a lesser amount than that which is requested by the applicant.
6. Students are expected to identify other sources of income and, where appropriate, evidence applications for alternative funds (both successful and unsuccessful). Schools, Faculties and Departments, the International Office, the Scholarship Office and clubs and societies should be considered dependent on the nature of the application. External avenues of funding should also be explored.
7. FUSA Development Grants cannot be used for the following:
  - a. School, Department course or topic field trips
  - b. Compulsory School, Department, course or topic placements
  - c. Sporting competitions or events

- d. Political Parties' events or activities.
  - e. General costs associated with an international exchange (specific events or activities may be considered)
  - f. General research costs (specific events or activities may be considered)
8. Successful applicants are expected to commit to the dissemination of any knowledge, experiences or skills gained. This includes:
    - a. A short written report.
    - b. Photographs or other media where possible
    - c. Verbal dissemination where appropriate.
  9. FUSA reserves the right to make use of successful applicants' reports, images or other related material for promotional or reporting purposes. This may include publication in Empire Times (at the discretion of the editors) or on the FUSA website.
  10. The applicant must include supporting documentation of acceptance to or involvement in the activity or event. This may include: flight details, registration details, confirmation letter, receipt or invoices, event timetable.
  11. There will be two grant rounds each year. Preference will be given to first time applicants. A student can only be awarded one Development Grant per calendar year. Grants are subject to funding. FUSA reserves the right to not award grants in any given grant cycle.
  12. The payment conditions for successful applications will be via direct payment of costs (where possible) OR through reimbursement of money already spent.
  13. Where possible, FUSA will award grants to undergraduates and postgraduates in proportion with overall percentage enrolment trends.
  14. Late applications will not be considered. Please check the relevant FUSA webpage for deadlines. FUSA reserves the right to award grants outside of these times in exceptional circumstances.
  15. FUSA's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.