

TCD Association & Trust

Grants Sub Committee

Criteria for Awarding Grants

This paper provides guidance to applicants about the type of projects that will be considered for financial support by the Trinity Association & Trust (A&T). These criteria should be viewed as guidelines; they are not absolutely binding.

To be successful, an application needs to be for a well-defined purpose, and must include a detailed budget explaining how the grant is to be spent. Applicants must indicate any other sources of funding they have applied for and the amount of support (if any) received. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively.

Normally, applications should be for projects which will take place within a year from the date of application. Preference may be given to provide seed funding for new projects. Although support is not usually provided for repeated applications, it is recognized that different generations of students may benefit from such projects.

The A&T's Trust Deed states that the fund can only be used for the "advancement of learning and education in the College and the University and the maintenance and development of the educational and other charitable activities of the College and University". In the past the trustees and executive committee have interpreted these criteria as being supportive of activities in College as outlined below. The grants subcommittee uses the same criteria to recommend applications for funding to the executive committee.

- "Seed" money to develop proposals that might attract large grants from other bodies.
- Grants to support publication of books by academic and other staff. Proof to show the book is being published must be produced before any grant is released. The A&T require acknowledgement of their support in the publication along with a copy of the book. Should the book be a commercial success, the applicant is expected to return the grant. Maximum grant: €1,500. The A&T does **NOT** give loans.
- Grants for publications linked to student clubs and societies. Applicants must show that printing costs have been minimized. Successful applicants will be provided with a short advertisement which must appear in any publication they support. Maximum grant: €500.
- Grants to College Societies towards cultural and other educational events. **Note that the cost of accommodation or food and drink for receptions and similar occasions will NOT be covered.**
- Grants to cover course fees, training and educational projects will **NOT** be covered.
- Contributions to student welfare and/or charitable projects. In some cases, such grants may be administered by a College Officer, eg Senior Tutor or Dean of Graduate Studies. In all cases the A&T reserves the right to consult with other relevant staff and bodies about the value of a project.
- Grants to Sports Clubs to fund equipment and/or support travelling expenses for teams/individuals on significant tours or equivalent events. **Reference to DUCAC is essential before submission of an application.**
- Travel grants. Postgraduate travel to conferences and research institutes or libraries is funded via a grant from the A&T administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies. Postdoctoral researchers may apply to the A&T for travel grants through their Head of School. For both groups, the relevant Head of School or Department must also provide some financial support. Other funding possibilities will be taken into account in making an award.
- Travel grants for students participating in recognized schemes such as DOVE and MOVE provide a fixed amount per student—up to €200 (UK), €350 (Europe) and €500 (rest of world). MOVE and DOVE schemes assume that participants are going to Third World countries. Participants may **NOT** return to their country of origin.
- Travel grants for postgraduate students or postdoctoral fellows already in receipt of sponsorship from funding agencies such as IRC, IRCSET and SFI will **not** be covered.