

Trinity Trust

Grants subcommittee

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 Trust. These criteria should be viewed as **guidelines**; they are **not** to be considered as absolutely binding.

To be successful, an application should be for a well-defined purpose and **must** include a detailed budget explaining how the requested funds are 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 Trust's Deed stipulates 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. A grants subcommittee uses the same criteria to recommend applications for funding to the executive committee.

- "Seed" money to develop proposals that might help attract large grants from other bodies.
- Grants to College staff to defray exceptional costs associated with caring responsibilities due to work related travel.
- Grants to support publication of books by academic and other staff.
Proof to show the book is being published **must** be produced before any money is released. Acknowledgement of the Trust's support **must** appear in the publication and in due course a copy of the book **must** be sent to the Trust. Should the book be a commercial success, the applicant is expected to return the grant. Maximum grant: €1,500. The Trust 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 supported by the Trust. Maximum grant: €500.
- Grants to College Societies towards cultural and other educational events.
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 Trust 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 participating in significant sporting events.
Consultation with staff in DUCAC is essential before the submission of an application.
- Grants for postgraduate travel to conferences and research institutes or libraries are supported via a grant from the Trust which is administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies. Postdoctoral researchers may apply to the Trust for travel grants if they have the support of their Head of School or Department. For both groups, the relevant head **must** provide at least some small level of financial support. Other possible sources of funding 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 will be going to Third World countries. Participants may **not** return to their country of origin.
- Applications for 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 entertained.