

# 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). The following criteria should be considered as guidelines; they are not absolutely binding. **To be successful, an application should have a specific object which should be spelt out clearly, and it must be accompanied by a budget explaining how the grant would be spent. Applicants should indicate what other sources of funding they have applied for, and the outcome from these requests. Grants are not 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 Deed of the A&T states that the fund can 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'. The Executive Committee in the past has interpreted these criteria as supporting the following areas in College. The Grants Subcommittee will use the same criteria to recommend applications for funding to the Executive Committee.

1. 'Seed' money to develop proposals that might attract large grants from other bodies.
2. Grants to support publication of books by academic and other staff. The A&T require acknowledgement of their support in the publication. The A&T does NOT give loans. Proof that the book is being published must be produced before any grant is released. Should the book be a commercial success, the author is expected to return the grant. Guideline maximum Grant: €1500.
3. Grants to student publications linked to a student society. Applicants should show that they have minimized costs. The A&T require an advertisement in all publications they support. Maximum grant: €500.
4. Grants to College Societies towards cultural and other events. **Note that the cost of accommodation or food and drink for receptions and similar occasions will NOT be covered.**
5. Contribution to training and educational projects. Neither existing college courses nor fees will be funded.
6. Contributions to student welfare and charitable projects. In some cases, grants will be administered through a college officer, e.g. Senior Tutor, or Dean of Graduate Studies. The A&T reserve the right to ask college officers about the value of a project.
7. Grants to Sports Clubs to fund equipment and/or to support the travelling expenses of teams/individuals on significant tours or equivalent events. **Reference to DUCAC is essential before submission of an application.**
8. Travel grants. Postgraduate travel to conferences and research institutes or libraries is funded through a grant from the A&T administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies. Post Doctoral researchers may apply to the A&T for travel grants through their Head of School. For both groups, other funding possibilities for the applicant will be taken into account in making an award.
9. Travel Grants to students going with recognized schemes, e.g. DOVE, MOVE, etc. The A&T apply a fixed amount per student, currently up to €250 (in Europe) and €350 (to rest of the world). MOVE and DOVE schemes assume that participants are going to Third World countries. Participants may not return to their country of origin.
10. Grant support to postgraduates already being sponsored by a funding agency such as IRCSET will not be supported.