



Climate Action Fund Application Form/ Project Proposal

Funding is available through the Provost's Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Low Carbon Living, **for one new project** that will improve climate action at Trinity and encourage more sustainable behaviours. Proposals are welcome from staff and/or students. Projects that are student-led or involve student participation are encouraged as well as projects that cater to the 'unusual suspects', i.e. people who tend not to get involved in climate action or sustainability initiatives.

The objectives are:

1. To seed new initiatives that enhance campus climate action.
2. To enable behaviours that will raise the bar on climate action on campus and throughout life.
3. To enhance communication and education on climate action

Please complete the form below and email it to mhallaha@tcd.ie before the deadline given on the [Climate Action Fund webpage](#)

General information about the person or team applying

1. Name of applicant or team (including the name of the team lead) as appropriate:	Martina Mullin, Sam Foley, Jamie Rohu, Gisele Scanlon, Brian Caulfield
2. Department/Unit/School and address of applicant(s):	College Health, TCDSU, JCR, TCD Graduate Students Union, School of Civil and Structural Engineering.
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Proposal details

Title of Project: Bike to College Scheme

Funds Requested: €5,000

Start date: November as part of Light up your Life campaign when Healthy Trinity: Smarter Travel gives out free bike lights

End date: 17th December (end of semester 1)

Concise description of the project including; Aim, Objective and Approach. Indicate which populations within the university will be targeted. (max 300 words)

The bike to work scheme has been successful at promoting cycling, especially amongst those who haven't previously owned a bicycle as well as amongst women and older people ([Caulfield and Leahy, 2009](#)). This application proposed a Bike to College Scheme for students.

Aim:

To encourage students to cycle to College, promoting reduced use of public transport/ cars to decrease the carbon footprint of students in their return to campus. This will counteract the financial burden of purchasing bikes and provide support to students who want to reduce their carbon footprint but may not be in a financial position to commit to a bike/equipment purchase.

Objective: To administer 61 bursaries of €80 to Trinity students, which they can use to purchase a bike or bike accessories. This amount was selected on the assumption that a student could obtain a second hand bike for €200 and the scheme would pay 40% of that cost.

Approach:

We will:

1. Advertise this initiative through Healthy Trinity, TCDSU, JCR and GSU communications channels.
2. Send a press release via Trinity Communications to national media outlets highlighting that Trinity is funding this scheme but would like to see it nationally funded
3. Accept applications via an online form open for two weeks. This form will capture current transport modal choice of students.
4. A student will be employed to administer the project with oversight from Healthy Trinity, TCD SU, TCD GSU. Precedence will be given to students registered with the disability service and/or TAP. After that people will be selected on a first come first served basis.
5. 61 students will be notified they have been successful. They will have three weeks to return proof of purchase of a bike or bike accessories. Any leftover funds will be allocated to those who were unsuccessful initially.

6. A follow up survey of all who applied to the scheme will be distributed. To be successful in obtaining funding, students must agree to complete an evaluation of the initiative.

What are the planned immediate outcomes of the project (max 100 words) and how will this contribute to enhanced climate action?

1. 61 students will receive funding to purchase a bike/bike accessories.
2. Social media campaigns on Healthy Trinity, TCDSU, JCR, TCD_GSU and Trinity Central channels highlighting cycling as a sustainable mode of transport and increase awareness of how accessible Trinity can be by bike.
3. Trinity is not on track to meet its sustainability goal of increasing bicycle use by 10% by 2020, as per the 2020 sustainability reports, so our scheme would ameliorate this. Furthermore, from 2011 to 2018 the modal share of cycling in [Trinity decreased by 8% albeit from a very high level of 22%](#), so we would promote a return to higher figures.
4. The findings of the evaluation would be used by the Healthy Trinity: Smarter Travel Committee to lobby the government for a national Bike to College Scheme.

What would the long-term impact(s) be and what are the envisaged possibilities for building on this project (max 100 words)?

A long term increase in the cycling numbers of students, through the distribution of the bursaries. This would in turn reduce the carbon emissions of the university and help with alignment to the UN SDG's. This could also have the long term effect of reducing traffic in the city, due to the large increase of students using bikes if the government lobbying campaign succeeds, helping Dublin City centre and Trinity itself to become more pedestrianised, following the lead of EU capitals such as Paris.

An evaluation of the initiative would be used to approach other third level institutions to support a national Bike to College Scheme and to create a report for the Dept of Transport and the Dept of FHED. The team would also aim to publish a policy case study of the initiative.

Breakdown of costs in detail:

€4880 to offer 61 student bursaries of €80 for bicycles or bike accessories

€120 bursary for the administration of scheme by a student (approx 12 hours of work). The role of this student would include: going through applications and selecting suitable applicants, coordinate with successful candidates, checking receipts for proof of purchase, readministering funds to applicants who were unsuccessful at first.

Total request: €5000

Further information

Applications to be emailed to mhallaha@tcd.ie BEFORE the deadline (check [webpage](#) for date)