Student Impact Grants

Up to $2,500 to make a difference: Semester 2 2026

About the grants

Student Impact Grants of up to $2,500 empower and support student-led projects that address key priorities, including;

- Student Belonging: events or initiatives that foster social cohesion and connection
- Student Wellbeing: mental health and wellbeing promotion and building safe, respectful and inclusive communities
- Equity and Inclusion: supporting underrepresented or disadvantaged student groups or improving accessibility and participation (including cost of living support)
- Sustainability and Climate Action: environmental sustainability projects or climate awareness and action
- Community Engagement: focus on volunteering opportunities or social impact

The grants support student-led innovation and leadership, providing another practical opportunity to develop, project management, budgeting, event planning and delivery, leadership, collaboration skills and make a positive social impact.

This grant opportunity is available to all currently enrolled UWA students (Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Higher Degree by Research students) and is brought to you by UWA and funded by the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF).

Grant Categories

Your idea may be big or small, whether you want to improve student wellbeing, create a stronger campus culture and sense of belonging or tackle sustainability challenges, this is your opportunity to turn your idea into action. Choose the grant that best suits your project:

Micro Grant – $500

Student Initiative Grant – $1,000

Major Impact Grant (including minimum of one for HDR students) – $2,500

Funding is available throughout Semester 2 2026 with Round One of applications closing August 9th and a portion of the funding pool reserved for applications submitted later in the semester, so don't worry if your idea develops after semester begins.

Dates and deadlines

Round One Applications	Close August 9th
Semester 2 Applications	August 9th -September 21st
Student Impact Grant Projects Implemented	August 9th - October 16th
Project Reporting and Financial Acquittal due	Wednesday October 21st

Who can apply?

All current enrolled UWA students are eligible, including Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Higher Degree by research students. You can apply individually, but we recommend applying as a group or Club (in our experience you can achieve more and will have more fun along the way!)

It's a great opportunity to build skills that look fantastic on your CV while making a lasting contribution to the UWA community.

What's involved

After completing the application, you will work toward implementing your initiative in Semester 2. This could be approximately 1–3 hours per week depending on the scale of your initiative and the team involved—this will vary throughout semester.

You will have access to online project management resources and following your project you will be asked to write a brief report and provide a financial acquittal (receipts for all expenses).

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Grant Guidelines and Reporting

Student Impact Grants are funded using Student Services and Amenities Fund (SSAF). The Australian Government Higher Education Legislation underpins how SSAF can be spent. The categories available for SSAF funding expenditure are detailed in the legislation and can be found here. They include:

- providing food or drink to students
- supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students;
- caring for children of students;
- promoting the health or welfare of students;
- helping students with their financial affairs;
- supporting debating by students;
- supporting an artistic activity by students;
- supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students;
- helping students develop skills for study

LIST OF EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- an activity/ event commenced prior to approval of the grant;
- alcohol;
- an activity/ event must not count towards any academic credit; not be undertaken as part of an assessment for any unit/ nor be part of any research that is conducted for academic purposes.
- an ongoing activity or project or day to day operations of a club;
- any activities designed to raise funds or the team/ organisation making the submission;
- marketing and promotional costs not directly related to the project;
- travel to, or attendance at, conferences, expos, trade fairs and the like;
- political or lobbying activities;
- any other expense as determined by the Student Engagement and Belonging team.

SSAF expenditure is carefully monitored so please note failure to submit a financial acquittal may result in an encumbrance being placed on the nominated student's record.

Application Information

The online application includes;

- Applicant/ Club/ Society/ team details
- Project proposal
- Motivation for applying for the grant
- Anticipated impact and outcomes
- Project timeline
- Draft budget (example below)

Budget Item	**Description**	**Total (Estimate x Quantity)**	**Justification/ Quote/ Comments**	**Is this item eligible under SSAF Guidelines (Y/N)**

Selection criteria

Desirability	The idea demonstrates demand and desire from students
Feasibility	The idea is feasible. That it can be completed within the timeframe and budget
Sustainability	The idea is sustainable and there are possible long-term outcomes
Innovation	The idea is different to initiatives that have occurred in the past
Relevance	The idea is relevant and consistent with the Impact Grant priorities

Your idea could be the next project that transforms the student experience. Apply today and make your impact.

For any questions about the Student Impact Grant, please contact engagement@uwa.edu.au