



# COVID-19 Clubs Grants Policy

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The UCSA COVID-19 Clubs Grants Policy provides UCSA affiliated clubs access to a small portion of Student Services Levy funds to assist in ways to socially connect during lock down and also in recovery from lockdown through hosting smaller additional events and activities, in line with Ministry of Health guidelines.
- 1.2. The current expectation is that these grants will be accessible for the remainder of 2020 in order to support this recovery process.
- 1.3. Well-governed and managed clubs delivering diverse activities are important in supporting the primary objectives of the UCSA in helping students succeed as well as providing a sense of belonging for all students. Clubs also provide students with the opportunity to develop leadership, organisational, critical thinking, communication and budgetary skills. The UCSA recognises this is as important now as ever.

## 2. General Criteria

- 2.1. All provisions of the [2019 Clubs Grant Policy](#) which are not contradicted by this policy remain in effect. To avoid confusion, where the policies do contradict, this policy takes precedent.
- 2.2. COVID-19 grant applications should be future focused, however the grant can be retrospective at the Committee's discretion.

- 2.3. COVID-19 related grants will not be included within the four grants cap per calendar year as per the [2019 Clubs Grant Policy](#).
- 2.4. There is no limitation on the number of COVID-19 related grants that a club may apply for.
- 2.5. All COVID-19 Club grant applications will be considered where it is evidentially apparent the club event/activity is in line with the current Ministry of Health guidelines.

### **3. Online events Specific Criteria and Conditions**

- 3.1. All criteria and conditions apply as outlined within the [2019 Clubs Grant Policy](#) with the additional conditions applying to clubs hosting online events or activities.
- 3.2. Conditions specific to online events:
  - 3.2.1. To be granted on a case by case basis
  - 3.2.2. Up to a cap of \$20 per person, per virtual event/activity

### **4. Frequency of COVID-19 Application Grounds**

- 4.1. Applications for the COVID-19 club grants category can be made at any time. These will be considered by the UCSA Grants sub-committee within 2 working days.

### **5. Approvals**

- 5.1. Only the Executive Committee or its delegate, can make a decision regarding the outcome of a valid grant, and each member of the decision panel shall have one vote.
- 5.2. The Executive Committee or its delegate will consider the grant against provisions within the 2019 Clubs Grant Policy, and what has historically been granted, however significant consideration will be given to the current climate.
- 5.3. Any grants awarded under the COVID-19 clubs grant category are recognised as being awarded in light of the current circumstances and therefore are not precedent setting for future potential grant awards.