



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Student Opportunity Fund

The Student Opportunity Fund has been established to support students in maximising the opportunities which are available to them while they are studying at Bond. The Student Opportunity Fund is funded via generous donations received from Bond alumni and through distributions from the Bond University Endowment Fund.

Eligibility

The following persons, club/society or Faculties are eligible to apply for a bursary from the Student Opportunity Fund:

- Bond University students currently enrolled in a Bond University undergraduate degree, postgraduate degree or Bond University College diploma for activities to be undertaken while they are enrolled at the University (individual educational opportunities)
- Bond University Student Association affiliated clubs and societies (group or co-curricular opportunities)
- Bond University faculties or schools (Faculty study tours)

Application Timeline

- Week 5: Applications Open (Monday 9am)
- Week 9: Applications Close (Monday 9am)
- Week 10: Committee meets to review applications
- Week 11: Successful Applicants Notified

Applications are accepted for activities in the following semester (exact dates on application form):

- Semester 1 activity | Apply in September semester (previous year)
- Semester 2 activity | Apply in January semester
- Semester 3 activity | Apply in May semester

Application Process

Applications must be made using the online application form (www.bond.edu.au/sof). Additional attachments and supporting evidence may also be required where Faculty support is indicated on the application. Please see “Faculty Approval confirmation form” on the SOF website. The completed form must be attached to the application prior to the deadline.

Applications which are late, incomplete or fail to meet application requirements in any way will not be considered. If the activity that is a competitive selection process, and participation is pending final confirmation from a third party, final confirmation will be accepted after the closing date as an addendum to the application.

Students may only apply to the Student Opportunity Fund for one activity.

Funding Guidelines

1. Individual educational opportunities

This fund provides support for student access to "beyond the classroom" educational experiences. This includes academic, leadership or other extracurricular activities such as internships, work experience, volunteer work, conferences, clinical placements, informal study abroad, courses/study and academic competitions.

This category may also include individual applications from members of a study group or team that is not a BUSA affiliated club.

Educational Experience Requests are encouraged to demonstrate:

- Unique and outstanding activities
- Benefits to the individuals involved and helps enrich their Bond student experience
- Orientation toward academic or professional development
- Direct relationship to the individual's declared major, field of study or current program
- Support of a Bond faculty member
- A detailed budget to support the activity
- Attempts for additional and/or alternative funding
- Clarity of goals and thoroughness of planning
- Adherence to University policies, regulations and established procedures
- Other University funding is not available for the activity
- Student invitation or selection is based on merit

Who can apply for these funds?

Bond University students currently enrolled in a Bond University undergraduate degree, postgraduate degree or Bond University College diploma, for activities to be undertaken while they are enrolled at the University.

Funding cap: individual students may be awarded up to \$2000.

Bond Medical Program Students

Funding will be considered for Medical students who undertake extracurricular, volunteer, or career-development activities instead.

Funding will not be granted for Medical placements within core-curriculum activities, as they are not considered in anyway to be external or an additional opportunity.

2. Group co-curricular opportunities

This fund provides monetary support to unique and outstanding activities, events or projects planned by and for Bond students.

Programs should promote a greater sense of community at Bond; enrich the Bond Student Experience or reflect a commitment to the cause. This fund is designed to encourage increased interaction outside the classroom.

Funding requests are encouraged to demonstrate:

- Club activities designed to enrich the student experience in a significant way
- Club activities that contribute to the community in a significant way
- A unique opportunity or experience for its participants
- Promotion of an issue/cause relevant to Bond students
- Promote a broad view of cultural experiences and knowledge
- An opportunity for students to gain valuable leadership experience and knowledge
- Encouragement of collaborative events planned by and for Bond students fostering intellectual exchange or advance knowledge, such as: visiting speakers, forums on topics of general interest and student publications.
- Involvement of a significant number of Bond students in planning and participating in the activity
- A detailed budget to support the activity
- Clarity of goals and thoroughness of planning
- Attempts for alternative fund raising demonstrated
- Adherence to University policies, regulations and established procedures

Who can apply for these funds?

Bond University Student Association affiliated clubs and societies.

Funding cap: clubs and societies may be awarded up to \$2000.

3. Faculty Study Tours

This fund provides support to Faculty approved study tours where a group of students and academic(s) undertake a unique and educational experience overseas.

Faculty leads will be responsible for the distribution of the funding to approved students on the study tours. This category may support current study tours from the Faculty of Society & Design and the Bond Business School.

Study Tours are encouraged to demonstrate:

- Unique and outstanding activities in an overseas location
- Benefits to the students involved and helps enrich their Bond student experience
- Orientation toward academic or professional development
- Direct relationship to the students' declared major, field of study or current program
- Support the strategic initiatives of the Faculty
- A detailed budget to support the activity including other funding options
- Clarity of goals and thoroughness of planning

- Adherence to University policies, regulations and established procedures
- Students are selected through a competitive and merit-based process

Who can apply for these funds?

Lead educators within Bond University faculties and schools.

Funding cap: Faculties may be awarded \$750 per student capped at \$10,000.

Funding Restrictions

Funds will not be awarded for:

- Activities that have already taken place (no retrospective applications will be accepted)
- Applications that are late, incomplete or fail to meet application requirements
- The purchase of alcohol for an event or activity
- Bond University course fees and academic program expenses (including enrolment fees, textbooks and laptops)
- Living expenses not related to the specific project or activity outlined in the application (this includes maintaining a rental property)
- Food associated with travel
- Additional expenses associated with travel (this will include fees for a passport or renewing a passport)
- Groceries and personal items (eg. toiletries and souvenirs)
- Purchase, repair or replacement equipment
- Activities designed to support student businesses generating personal income
- A continuing commitment to an activity (grants are a one-off payment)
- International Exchange semesters
- New Colombo Plan scholarship funded exchanges and internships
- Higher Degree Research (HDR) students may only apply for the fund for activities excluding any activity related to the students PhD candidature. Examples of activities relating to PhD candidature include conference attendance, presentation costs and thesis editing.

Funding Allocation

Applications are reviewed and considered by a committee made up of representatives from each Faculty and Senior Management. Applications and activities are assessed based on competencies aligned to the University's graduate outcomes and the following criteria (maximum 500 words):

Innovation
<i>A unique and outstanding activity for an individual or student group with a focus on helping communities making a difference</i>
Impact
<i>Benefit to individual(s) involved and helps enrich their student experience or community outside of the classroom where impact is notable across UNSDGs, Indigenous, rural or remote communities</i>
Integrated
<i>Orientation towards academic or professional development</i>

Description of Activity/Project
<i>Description of activity, clarity of goals including alignment with Bond's Graduate Attributes</i>
Budget
<i>Budget provided to support the activity with attempts for alternative funding demonstrated</i>
Evaluation
<i>Support from a Bond faculty/staff member or community leader for the purposes of evaluating the activity. Provide supporting document/reference.</i>

Sub-par or applications with limited effort will not be considered for funding.

Applications where false or misleading information was provided will not be considered for funding.

The SOF Committee's decision is final and there is no appeal process for unsuccessful applicants.

Accessing Funds

At the end of the activity, recipients are required to contact the Career Development Centre to request the Grant Payment Form and Completion Report. Suitable/readable paid tax invoices associated with the activity must be provided along with the Grant Payment Form and Completion Report.

Transport expenses via car expenses will be paid in mileage – the CDC will provide appropriate documentation to log the mileage.

Approved funds will be paid into the nominated account, or in the case of group applications, into the association/faculty account.

Payment runs are in the following weeks of the semester:

- Friday Week 1
- Friday Week 4
- Friday Week 8
- Friday Week 12

Completed forms and receipts received after the deadlines will be processed in the next payment run.

Any outstanding debts or charges on a student account will automatically be deducted from the grant.

Funds are non-transferrable and cannot be used for any purpose other than what has been approved; only approved items provided in the budget in the application will be reimbursed.

Contact the Career Development Centre if the funding is no longer required or circumstances have changed. Funding is not re-allocated to another applicant (or non-applicant) as all decisions made by the Committee are based on applications received and are final.

Grants not claimed during the semester for which they are awarded will be forfeited.