Overview & funds available

Awards of up to £50 are available from HSU to help current Hallam students cover the cost of getting involved with extracurricular activities such as Give it a Go opportunities, SU events, and society activity. Funding spaces are limited, and we will communicate when all funds have been allocated. After this, applicants will be placed onto a wait list for if/when further funds become available.

The Activities Inclusion Fund aims to support those who are experiencing financial hardship and would not otherwise be able to engage with prescribed activities as a result. The Fund is not designed as a support measure for students in immediate financial crisis, nor is it a long-term solution to funding difficulties.

The Fund is open to Hallam students of all levels of study, including both home and international fee status.

Application process and timeline

The Fund is open year-round, and you should expect a decision within 10 working days of submitting your application (excluding the Winter teaching break). For the purposes of student application periods, the academic year runs annually from 1st September to 31st August.

What the fund can be used for

* Society membership fees
* Society events e.g. trips, balls (excluding abroad trips)
* Activities conducted by SU Officers or Reps
* SU events (excluding club nights)
* Give it a Go opportunities
* Rental of equipment to participate in society activity
* Travel to/from HSU volunteering opportunities
* Attending conferences/networking activity linked to Society activity
* HSU Awards Ball

What the fund cannot be used for

* Resources when running as an election candidate
* Abroad trips
* Sports Club Membership (this is not owned by the Students’ Union, please speak to Team Hallam about this)
* Gym Membership
* Club nights
* Course related activities (your activities must be extra-curricular)

Eligibility criteria

* You have less than £1,000 in bank account/savings
* You have not made an application for Activities Inclusion Fund in the past 4 weeks.
* You have not been successful in receiving funding from the Activities Inclusion Fund previously this academic year.
* You are not claiming in retrospect for activities already taken place.

Successful applications must be spent within 2 months of funding confirmation and will be reallocated to the overall funding pot if unclaimed.

Reasons you may be unsuccessful in your application

* A positive bank balance we consider to be adequate to self-funding (e.g. £1,000 after taking into consideration rent payments for the student loan period).
* Activity outside the scope of the Fund (i.e. Sports Teams – see Sport Hardship Fund)
* The planned activity is due within 10 working days of the application being submitted (e.g. a SU or society event).
* No information relating to personal or exceptional circumstances is provided.
* If you apply for something that is excluded in the above list.

How your application will be assessed

The Campaigns & Liberation Manager, as budget holder, will review your submission. They will be considering all information and evidence provided and will be working in the interest of fairness.

All applications will be dealt with confidentially, with discretion and integrity. Those administering proposed activity (e.g Societies, SU Events team etc) will not be informed of any application or support allocated from the Fund unless permission is given.

If you think there has been an issue with the handling of the submission you can use our [complaint procedure.](https://www.hallamstudentsunion.com/feedback-and-complaints/)