

USASA Leadership Grants Program



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your ideas.**



University of South Australia
Student Association

About the Leadership Grants Program

Hi, we're USASA, the independent student Association of the University of South Australia. We are a not-for-profit student owned organisation that strives to empower and support students at UniSA. . One of our key objectives is to have a campus culture where students have fun, make friends and take pride in the University. The Leadership Grants Program is designed to promote students' leadership capacity, promote personal and professional growth, and transformative development opportunities.

Students and non-USASA affiliated groups can apply for leadership grants of up to \$1000 or activity grants of up to \$2,500 from the Leadership Grants program to support their professional development and activities. Through the Leadership Grants program in a calendar year, an individual student may receive up to \$1000 and a non-USASA affiliated group may receive up to \$2,500.

Applications for grants close on the last Friday of every month (except December). Applicants will be contacted within two weeks of the application closing date. Projects can commence as soon as you have been notified of approval.

Purpose

The Leadership Grants Program aims to support initiatives that will support personal and professional development, students' leadership capacity, or provide original and engaging activities for multiple UniSA students. They are not intended to fund projects that are part of your UniSA assessment or courses.

Initiative Eligibility

To be eligible, the initiative must:

- be student led;
- not form part of the assessment or requirements of a UniSA course or program;
- be able to be covered by UniSA's insurance; and
- be compliant with the SSAF Guidelines.

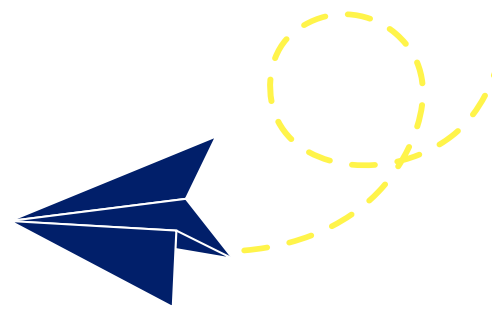
The USASA Leadership Grants Program has two sub-categories:

- **Leadership Grant (\$1,000)**

For students to attend conferences and take part in personal and professional development programs and initiatives.

- **Activity Grant (\$2,500)**

For non-USASA affiliated student groups to run student engagement programs, student-led on-campus activities, or activities focusing on personal and professional development or leadership capacity.



Eligibility

Who can apply

To be eligible for the Leadership Grants Program, applicants must be UniSA student(s) who are enrolled part-time or full-time at the time of application.

All applicants must attend a meeting with USASA staff to discuss the grant prior to submission. However, this meeting may take place via phone, Zoom, or in person at the City West USASA Office.

Preference will be given to projects that involve or benefit multiple students at UniSA.

Who cannot apply

- Transnational students and students from other universities
- Alumni or withdrawn students
- Current Board members
- Permanent and fixed-term employees of UniSA or USASA (casual staff who are also students are excepted) Non-UniSA student clubs, societies and groups
- USASA clubs
- Student groups formally supported by an Academic Unit of the University

NOTE: Grant submissions must be received before any activity takes place. Retrospective funding will not be provided. Initiatives must take place a minimum of two weeks (14 days) after the application closing date.

SSAF Guidelines

Applicants must ensure that at least one of the following Student Service and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Guidelines are relevant to their project:

- Providing food and drink on campus
- Supporting sport and recreational activities
- Supporting the administration of clubs
- Promoting student health and welfare
- Supporting student debate
- Supporting artistic activities by students
- Supporting student media
- Developing skills for study
- Providing orientation assistance

Application Process

Step 1: Carefully read the funding program guidelines to determine whether you meet the criteria. If you are unsure, contact USASA.Grants@unisa.edu.au

Step 2: All applicants must have a meeting with USASA staff to discuss the grant prior to submission.

Step 3: Applicants need to complete and submit the Leadership Grant application form by the application closing date (see page 3).

Applicants will be informed of the outcome within two weeks of the closing date. Successful applicants will be assessed on the following factors:

- Will this benefit the applicant's personal and/or professional development?
- Will this benefit the applicant's leadership capacity or the leadership capacity of other students?
- Will this support my career pathway beyond my university studies?

- Will the initiative enhance the non-academic student experience for UniSA students?
- Has the initiative (or a similar initiative) received funding before?
- Will the initiative enhance vibrancy on campus?
- Has the applicant received funding recently?
- How many UniSA students will the initiative engage?
- What is the cost of the initiative per student engaged?
- Have other sources of co-funding or fundraising been sourced?

Additionally, the following criteria will apply:

- Applications must be lodged via the form provided
- Grants are not intended to provide recurring funding for ongoing activities and generally activities will only be funded once
- Grant applications must include supporting documentation for all expenses and a budget that balances correctly.

Successful Grants

Successful applicants will receive email notification from the USASA Grants panel. You will then be sent a Grant Agreement document detailing the terms and conditions of the funding provided. Once the agreement has been signed and returned to USASA, you can commence your project. Payment will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the leadership grant program. All funded initiatives need to be completed within the calendar year in which the grant was paid (exceptions may apply). Any unspent funds in that calendar year must be returned to USASA.

Unsuccessful Applications

All ineligible or unsuccessful applicants will receive written notification at the same time as successful applicants. Specific feedback on your application will be available upon request. You may resubmit your application for the next round of grants if desired.

Hints & Tips

- Plan ahead and allow yourself time to get your application in well before the activity is planned to take place. Try and apply at least a month in advance to give time for feedback – you may be able to resubmit!
- Think about who is reading the grant application and what they need to know – base it around a ‘who, what, where, how, why’ format.
- Make sure you clearly articulate how your activity will benefit multiple students, such as talking about how many students would be involved in your project or will benefit from your experience and enhanced professional development.
- Never say ‘maybe’. Your activity should be well thought out and well planned with all elements articulated in the grant application.
- Make sure you discuss your application well in advance with USASA staff. They will give you feedback on your application and project and will provide you with advice which will increase the likelihood that your application will be successful.
- Make sure your budget balances (\$income – \$expenses = \$0). The budget should be for the total cost of the activity – If you are putting your own money or external funding into the activity then this should be shown on the budget also, not just the money you are requesting from the grant.

Further Information

Please contact USASA staff:

Email: USASA.grants@unisa.edu.au

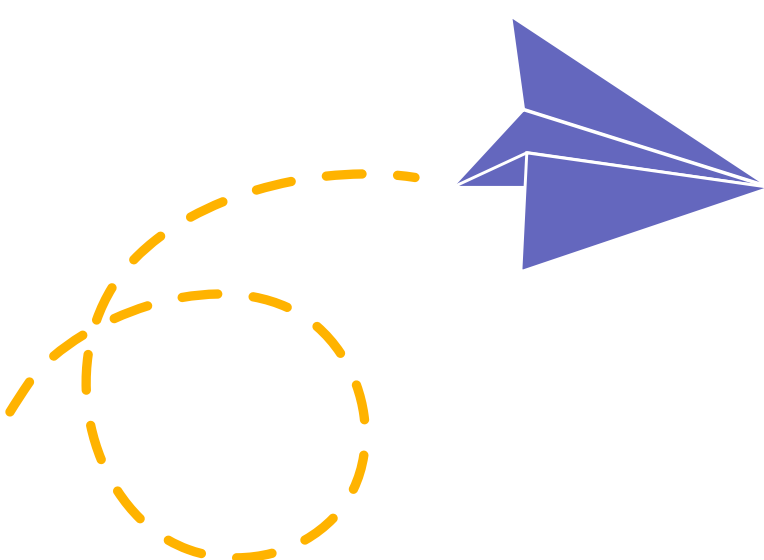
Web: USASA.sa.edu.au/Grants

2021 Timeline

Remember, your initiative must take place after the grant response date to be considered. For example, if the application was submitted in the February grant round, the initiative cannot take place until after March 12.

Leadership Grants Timeline 2021

Round	Application Deadline	Response Date	Completion Report Due Date
January	29 January	12 February	
February	26 February	12 March	
March	26 March	9 April	
April	30 April	14 May	
May	28 May	11 June	Within 1 month of completion of event/ activity
June	25 June	9 July	
July	30 July	13 August	For your convenience, your specific Completion Report due date will be clearly stated in the email notifying you of any successful grant application.
August	27 August	10 September	
September	24 September	8 October	
October	29 October	12 November	
November	26 November	10 December	
December	NO DECEMBER GRANTS ROUND		



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

Can applications be submitted after the closing date?

Grant applications that miss the deadline are encouraged to be submitted in the next round.

What is the approval process for grant applications?

Grant applications received by the due date will be assessed by a panel against the guidelines and conditions of the grants program. A representative from the grants panel will then notify the applicant of their decision.

Is there any right to appeal an unsuccessful application?

There is no right to appeal, however we will provide feedback on your application upon request which will put you in the strongest position to reapply in a future round. We encourage applicants who are unsuccessful to seek feedback and reapply as appropriate.

Can applications be made for individual activities or pursuits?

The Leadership Grants (\$1000) are designed for personal development initiatives, however we expect that students will use their experience to benefit the UniSA community. A detailed completion report is required for you to reflect on the activity and provide insights to other students looking to take on similar opportunities. There is also a section to upload images (not compulsory) and grant recipients' stories may be used by USASA in marketing of the grants program. However it should be noted that the grants programs are competitive and preference will be given to applications that provide evidence of a benefit to multiple students.

Can UniSA Staff members apply for a Leadership Grant?

No fixed term or permanent staff of UniSA or USASA may apply for a leadership grant. Students who are casual staff members are excepted.

What can be covered under catering? Can alcohol be included?

Applicants can use Activity Grants to assist with the cost of catering at events; however applicants must be aware that the provision or

subsidisation of alcohol for students, staff and guests is not permitted. Requests for funding to cover catering should be accompanied by a quote from a venue/caterer.

Does my initiative have to be held on UniSA grounds?

In short, no – however all applicants are strongly encouraged to investigate suitable locations on campus for their initiative. Indeed, preference will usually be given to applications that are being held on campus. Potential venues that may be available at little or no cost to students include:

- Bradley Forum (City West)
- Kerry Packer Civic Gallery (City West)
- Brookman Hall (City East)
- Sports Centres (Magill and Mawson Lakes)
- Hartley Playhouse (Magill)
- Jeffrey Smart Building Forum (City West)
- Lecture theatres and outdoor areas (all campuses)

How do I book UniSA Facilities?

To book UniSA facilities please contact FM Assist on your campus:

- City East – 8302 2261
- Magill – 8302 4762
- City West – 8302 0555
- Mawson Lakes – 8302 5055

USASA leadership grants terms and conditions

1. Applicants must complete the USASA Leadership Grants Program application form to be considered for funding.
2. Applications must include a completed budget and quotes for all related expenses.
3. USASA will not accept applications after the due date. Acceptance of revised applications will be at the discretion of the Grants Panel.
4. The application must be received by the USASA staff by 11:59pm on the application due date, unless otherwise stated or alternate arrangements have been made.
5. Funding will be provided as a one-off payment only and will not be guaranteed for annual or ongoing events.
6. All applications for initiatives being conducted must ensure that the initiative is an insurable initiative under USASA insurance. Email USASA.grants@unisa.edu.au for details.
7. Applicants planning initiatives to be held on campus must ensure they comply with Facilities Management Unit (FMU) policies and procedures. For further information and to download relevant forms visit <http://www.unisa.edu.au/facilities/procedures/forms/csforms.asp>
8. Hire and payment for all necessary equipment/facilities (e.g. on-campus BBQs) is the responsibility of the applicant. Contact USASA and/or Facilities Management for further information.
9. Initiatives must comply with legislation in relation to the spending of the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) and demonstrate a benefit to the UniSA student community.
10. Funding may not be used to purchase any asset apart from as approved in the application, without USASA's prior written approval. All assets purchased or created with the Funding (including revenue generated) shall be owned by USASA and must be dealt with in accordance with asset procedures issued by USASA.
11. Any additional conditions set by USASA in relation to the Application must be complied with for the term of the grant. The applicant is responsible for consulting with USASA in relation to risk management.
12. Applicants must provide the USASA Staff with written project status updates as requested. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of funding.
13. Full and accurate records of the conduct of the activity must be kept. This includes progress against any milestones, the receipt and use of funding, the acquisition of assets and the creation of intellectual property rights.
14. USASA owns all material and intellectual property rights developed or created in the course of undertaking the initiative and grants the Applicant a license to use such materials solely for the purpose of undertaking the grant.
15. Applicants are required to show proof of completion of the initiative within 1 month of completion by submitting:
 - a. the completion report (via form supplied)
 - b. statement of income and expenditure (template supplied) indicating how funds have been acquitted and amounts of any revenue generated and/or unspent funds
16. Unspent funding must be returned to the USASA grant pool.
17. If the grant is deemed not to have been used for the purpose outlined in your application, or another purpose approved by USASA, applicants will be personally liable for the repayment of the full amount of the grant to USASA.
18. All initiatives funded through the grants program must include USASA logos on promotional and marketing materials (if applicable).
19. The initiative must be carried out in accordance with the application, all relevant laws, and USASA and UniSA policies.
20. The USASA Leadership grant program will not be approved to fund or subsidise:
 - a. Pub crawls;
 - b. Provision of alcohol for students, staff or guests of UniSA
21. A student group may receive a maximum of \$2500 from the USASA Leadership Grant program per calendar year. An individual may receive a maximum of \$1000 per calendar year.