

Student Societies Climate Fund

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The Student Societies Climate Fund is a termly funding call for all student societies and JCR/MCRs at the University of Cambridge to apply for a share of £1000, available termly, to fund climate related events. There is no lower limit for funding bids and societies may apply for up to the full amount. Deadlines to apply, for:

- Michaelmas Term 2022 (*Tues 4 Oct – Fri 2 Dec*) Deadline: Friday 12 Aug 2022
- Lent Term 2023 (*Tues 17 Jan – Fri 17 Mar*) Deadline: Fri 25 Nov 2022
- Easter Term 2023 (*Tue 25 Apr – Fri 16 Jun*) Deadline: Fri 10 March 2023
- Michaelmas Term 2023 (*Tues 3 Oct – Fri 1 Dec*) Deadline: Fri 30 June 2023

Societies should either be official University societies and registered with the Cambridge [Students' Union and Junior Proctor Office](#), or projects that have an official affiliation with a College J/MCR, College Student Association, or Cambridge Students' Union.

The fund is open for funding projects, events, initiatives, and the purchase of equipment. We are open to innovative and experimental approaches. Projects seeking funding should aim to directly accelerate a transition to a zero-carbon world or support education that will enable this transition. Particularly attractive applications can demonstrate an impact on climate education, decarbonisation, Greenhouse Gas mitigation and/or sustainable enhancements to the student community.

To apply for funding, societies must develop a short proposal. Please send submissions to <https://forms.office.com/r/dduzqVpuHr>. This will be assessed using the Evaluation Criteria (see table) below. If a society has a proposal that will exceed the £1000 limit please get in touch with info@zero.cam.ac.uk to discuss the proposal and whether there are alternative opportunities for seeking funding, for example, with the [Cambridge SU Ethical Affairs Campaign](#).

Evaluation criteria

CRITERIA	
Feasibility of Implementation Plan - <i>6 points</i>	
Potential routes to emissions mitigation AND/OR potential for social or educational impact - <i>6 points</i>	
Evidence of innovation AND/OR collaboration - <i>6 points</i>	
Evidence of other funding avenues explored - <i>3 points</i>	
Budget (including evidence of costings) - <i>3 points</i>	
TOTAL (out of 24):	

All criteria above will be scored between 1 to 6, where 1 is low and 6 is high:

- 6 - Significant potential, is compelling, relevant, specific and very convincing
- 5 – Shows potential, is relevant, specific and convincing
- 4 - Shows potential and relevance, but not entirely convincing or specific
- 3 - Some potential but has missing information and unsupported statements
- 2 – Limited potential, inaccuracies in parts and in need of more specificity
- 1 - Unconvincing, contradictory information, and missing critical information

Maximum score is 24.

Eligibility Criteria

- You must include demonstratable, specific reasons/examples of how the funds will be used.
- Funds cannot be used as payment for labour; Funds can be used for purchase of equipment, items, prizes, travel etc.
- Innovative and experimental approaches are encouraged, but projects that are not explicitly innovative but can demonstrate clear impacts will not be penalised.
- Other avenues of funding must first have been explored before making an application to the Student Society Climate Fund.
- Apply by the advertised deadline for the following term.

Proposal Content

Word limits: see submission form

- Description of Project
- Proposed date(s)/time(s) of the project (if don't have, please provide your likely date/time)
- Envisaged impact of the project and how impact will be measured, including an explanation of the potential for climate education, decarbonisation, Greenhouse Gas mitigation and/or sustainable enhancements to the student community.
- Why these funds are necessary for the project and how they will support it, including a breakdown of the proposed costs.
- Other avenues of funding explored.
- Any collaborations in your project.

Receiving Funds (if submissions successful)

For speed of transfer of funds to societies, funds can be provided using an Expense Claim method in the first instance. This will involve incurring the relevant costs, providing receipts and making an Expense Claim. If the society is unable to unwrite this expense before funds are received from Cambridge Zero, please select the appropriate checkbox in your submission and we will provide you with an Expense Advance form if your submission is successful. Expense Advances will not be penalised but will likely incur a delay due to administrative requirements. Please account for this in any project/event/proposal planning.

Any questions, please email: info@zero.cam.ac.uk with the heading "Student Societies Climate Fund".

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