



We aim to support innovative creativity, reducing our impact on the environment and enhancing student experience.

Objectives

- Promote innovative practice
- Support radical and disruptive ideas
- Provide timely and supportive funding
- Disseminate best practice
- Connect GSA disciplines and create art/science links
- Support extra-curricular activities allied to sustainability
- Increase the efficiency of our estate

Outcomes

- Broader, deeper approaches to practice at the GSA
- A supported and expanded creative and academic freedom
- Better and more sustainable career choices and actions
- More cross-disciplinary practice and exploration of links beyond the arts
- A wider more diverse series of sustainability activities on campus
- A more energy and resource efficient GSA

Any GSA student can apply to the [SiAG fund](#). As well as support for student projects, we also support innovative changes to our physical GSA estate (see 'other funding' below).

What Makes for a Successful Application?

Submit no more than two pages of A4. Set out what you are intending to do, why, how and when. Say what the benefits will be to your practice and to others at the GSA, and how you will feedback (talks, online materials, hardcopy). Successful applicants typically think beyond what is taught in the curriculum, consider life-cycles of materials, might consider wider social and ethical issues, how we work with and might learn from others and other cultures, and link to other subject disciplines.

In deciding how to undertake your project, consider your own health and safety and have someone else review it to ensure you have covered all costs. You can add in a contingency.

Most applications are awarded around 50%-75% and no more than £1k awarded. This money can be matched against other funders, which we can help you identify.

Health & Safety, Ethics and Balance

Each applicant has an obligation to ensure that what they are receiving funding or support for is safe, does not endanger others, and has positive ethical, environmental, social & cultural effects.

The applicant is responsible for adhering to all departmental and GSA H&S and ethical policy. This must be confirmed to the SiAG coordinator.

Every action has an environmental effect, and applicants must work to balance their environmental effect against the value and impact of their work. For example, flights can be funded if the proposed work provides an overall positive environmental benefit. We can assist you in carrying out an environmental, social and ethical assessment.

Sustainability in Action Group's Funding Programme

Criteria

The Sustainability Coordinator will assess the application and work with the applicant to maximise the benefits to them and the wider student body. The applicant's work must support the values of the GSA.

The other criteria are the:

- best possible outcome within that student's development of their practice
- level of innovation and disruption to accepted thinking
- development level of the scope, purpose, method and reporting
- impact of the work, or future possible impact on students, staff or wider
- environmental, social and ethical impact of the work
- breadth and depth of the thinking and application of social, economic and ethical issues and impacts
- consideration of good planning and use of [SMART](#) objectives
- use of innovative partnerships
- cost-effectiveness vs. the environmental impact of the work
- suitability of SiAG as a funder
- proportionality of funding vs. expected results
- level of additionality - would it go ahead without our support
- evidence of other funding or support at GSA or from other partners
- effective use of monitoring, and the reporting of results to others

The Coordinator will pass the finished application to a group of senior academics and researchers for review. Typically within a week the applicant will receive the decision for no, partial or full funding, a request to re-work the application, feedback and any attached conditions.

The decision is final, but unsuccessful applicants may reapply with revised or new applications.

Funding is limited (with recent reductions in budget, around £300 maximum) and may run out, so if possible apply early in the academic year.

If you are unsuccessful we'll tell you why, and help you further develop your ideas and other funding routes.

Payments

Students will receive an email with the decision of the group. If a payment is to be made, full instructions will appear in the email with a link to this document. As a rule, students will pay up front for agreed costs. Reimbursement is via the GSA expenses form and original receipts. In exceptional circumstances where students have insufficient cash flow, the group will support payments through our travel agency or direct purchase. This must be agreed in advance.

Feedback & Acknowledgement

The fund exists to inspire others, and to build a body of evidence and best practice in hardcopy and online. All applicants must feedback on their project, supplying photographs, text and/or video of their experiences and gained knowledge. SiAG will use this information on their website.

Where possible, we ask that you mention support from the SiAG and use our logo.

Other Funding

The SIAG will also fund innovative energy and resource efficiency measures on the GSA estate that would not ordinarily be funded by the GSA. Any staff or student member is eligible to apply for funding.

[Our website](#) has a select list of funded projects and more information on the fund.

Any questions?

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