

Show Some Initiative

Student Grants of up to \$500 for eligible VU Students.

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

Do you have an idea for an event but need the funds to kick it off? Is there a training opportunity or conference you'd like to attend but can't afford? Is there a campaign you'd like to support but don't know where to start? The "Show Some Initiative" grant program might just be the support you need!

SAY WHAT?!

The "Show Some Initiative" grant program is a new round of grants available to affiliated VU Clubs and Societies— as well as for other student ventures that require additional funding to achieve their academic or personal goals.

These ventures can include conferences or other external training opportunities (Such as Responsible Service of Alcohol or First Aid Training), or events and campaigns that may have a demonstrated benefit to the wider VU community, whether social or academic in focus.

Eligible student applicants can receive up to \$500 to subsidise the costs of their initiatives or events.

HOW ON EARTH DO I GET THIS MONEY?

Grant applications sound like a lot of additional work – but the reality is you won't have to spend too much time on the application – and if your project fits the selection criteria – there is every chance you will be successful. The following chart outlines how to get your hands on the cash!

Please note: The selection committee meets monthly on the following dates (no money will be allocated outside of these meetings).

10/4/13
8/5/13
12/6/13
10/7/13
14/8/13
11/9/13
9/10/13
13/11/13

Idea

- 1 Meet with your Campus Recreation officer to discuss your idea
- 2 Fill out application form and discuss your draft with Campus Recreation Officer
- 3 Submit final draft

Apply

- 4 A panel will assess your application. They will either fully fund, partially fund or reject the application.
- 5 If successful, sign another form – get the MONEY!!!
- 6 Complete your initiative

Report

- 7 After it's done – hand back the receipts to Student Life
- 8 Report back to Student Life and the wider Student body about the successes of your project! Easy! Done!!!

Part 1 - Personal details

(If applying as a group, all students involved should supply the following information)

Applicant 1 Full Name:

Student Number:

Program of study:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact email:

Applicant 2 Full Name:

Student Number:

Program of study:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact email:

Applicant 3 Full Name:

Student Number:

Program of study:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact email:

Applicant 4 Full Name:

Student Number:

Program of study:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact email:

Attach extra names if necessary.

Please note: ALL students involved must be currently enrolled students at Victoria University.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Your application will be independently assessed by a committee made up of the following representatives;

Student Life
Victoria University Student Union
Student Leadership

1. *The project has clear, achievable goals and timelines which will contribute to the enhancement of the VU Student Experience.*
2. *The applicant will have a detailed budget which reflects some research / contact has been made with potential suppliers.*
3. *The application will include a statement on one of the following:*
 - a. *How the project will enhance the academic experience of the student group your initiative is targeting – i.e. is the project part of an assessment, will it lead to professional opportunities, networking etc.*
 - b. *How the project will enhance the wider university experience – i.e. Social engagement, interdisciplinary engagement, social or political awareness.*
 - c. *How the project might assist students to overcome challenges and barriers that impact on their ability to participate in and complete their studies.*
4. *The application has given some consideration to the ways it will be promoted to it's target audience and/or the wider student body at VU.*
5. *Upon completion the applicant will reflect upon whether the Key Objectives or Outcomes have been achieved.*
6. *Successful applicants will have considered how they will report back to both Student Life and the wider student body at VU. These report backs are not limited to written reports, but can be more creative in their delivery, so long as the style of report is suited to the type of initiative.*

6. **After your project is complete, how will you evaluate whether you have successfully achieved your Key Objectives/Outcomes? I.E: How will you know if it worked?**

7. **Successful applicants will need to report back to both Student Life (who give you the money) and the wider student body. These reports can take a number of forms such as an article written for SEEDS, an open discussion on what you have learnt, a photo exhibition in a student lounge – you can be as creative as you like. How will YOU report back to Student Life and the wider VU student body?**

Further Information:

For further information about the “Show Some Initiative” program please contact:

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