



UKCISA Grants Scheme 2018-19 How to apply

Aims

One of UKCISA's key aims is to support members in providing the highest quality institutional support for international students and ensure international students have the best possible experience. The aims of this scheme are twofold:

- **Pilot Projects.** To encourage innovation, and develop and disseminate examples of best practice in international student support.
- **Research.** To enhance our understanding of the needs and/or experience of international students. The scheme is an opportunity for universities, colleges and students' unions to expand or adapt services which support international students or enhance members' understanding of the international student experience and, at the same time, contribute to national and sector policy and good practice.

Criteria for Pilot Project grants

Applications will be judged against the following criteria:

- The extent to which the project **improves the experience of international students, through new and innovative services, approaches or delivery methods**. Is your project addressing something which international students most want or are concerned by or find most important about their student experience?
- The extent to which other **institutions or the sector as a whole can adopt similar models**. Will your project include products or outcomes which can be implemented elsewhere?
- The extent to which your project has **measurable and lasting outcomes for the institution and sector as a whole**. Does your proposed project include a method of measuring its own success and provide clear evidence that its outcomes are sustainable and of lasting value?

Criteria for Research grants

- Applications will be judged against the following criteria:
The extent to which the **research enhances members' understanding of the experience of international students in the UK**. Does it build on findings of recent research? Will it impact on the current international student agenda?
- The extent to which the research examines a **current, major area of interest and addresses concerns shared across the sector as a whole**.
- The extent of the research impact. Will it inform enhancements to professional practice in supporting international students? How easily can the research findings be applied?

For both categories of grant, priority will be given to applicants whose projects cover aspects which were not addressed in previous schemes (www.ukcisa.org.uk/grants-scheme).

Additional criteria for 2018-19 applications

As this is our 50th anniversary year, we aim to shortlist a smaller number of larger-scale projects or research which could have substantial impact at scale across the sector and so priority will be given to those which:

- involve two or more institutions working together on an issue of joint importance to both institutions (and the sector) and/or
- where evidence can be provided of potential impact at scale or very substantial plans for dissemination

Funding

As noted above, priority will be given to larger and/or joint proposals. Depending on the number and quality of applications, we anticipate that we will allocate **three** grants of up to £10,000, **two** of up to £5,000 and **five** of up to £2,000. As in previous years, £10,000 is reserved for Scottish institutions thanks to additional support from the Scottish government.

Condition of funding

We require evidence of institutional support for your proposal. This may take the form of additional funding or approval for the allocation of dedicated time to ensure the successful completion of the project or research.

Reporting requirements

Grant awardees will be required to submit a progress report in **March 2019** and a final report and financial account by **July 2019**.

Eligibility

Applicants must be educational institutions or students' unions which are members of UKCISA.

How to apply

For full details on the grants and how to apply go to: www.ukcisa.org.uk/grants-scheme2018-19

The deadline for applications is **5pm on Monday 13 August 2018**.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a panel including UKCISA staff and external specialists and all projects will be considered for the 2019 **Paul Webley Award for Innovation in International Education**.

Download an application at:
www.ukcisa.org.uk/grants-scheme2018-19

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