

2022 Discover UniMelb Grant Program Recipients



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Student Engagement and Peer Programs, Student Success

Project Title	Project Leader and Course/Faculty	Project Description	Amount Funded
Geocaching Competition	John O, Master of Engineering (Spatial)	Geocaching is a recreational outdoor activity in which an item is hidden at a particular location for participants to find by means of GPS coordinates. The Geocaching Competition will have small teams of students racing to find hidden caches and QR codes around the entire Parkville campus. After a 2-week competition period, groups who are at the top of the leader board will win from a pool of prizes.	\$3,090
Unlocking Future Engineers	Tian L, Master of Mechatronics Engineering	Melbourne University Electrical Engineering Club (MUEEC) is a by-students, for-students society with the principal goal of unlocking future engineers under the Faculty of Engineering & IT (FEIT) and their careers through practical education, ultimately enriching their on-campus experience. Our project aims to: Foster a strong sense of community on-campus through social initiatives focused on engaging the wider, curious STEM demographic; Expand students' networks within the engineering community through career-related industry and alumni events; Support students' academic and professional development through events that unlocks their creative & technical potential; Build quintessential teamwork skills in engineering through fun social competitions and projects.	\$7,000
LinkedIn Photobooth at Stop1	Libby O, Student and Scholarly Services	In response to student interest for purposeful careers engagement on campus, we propose to create a temporary photobooth in the Careers and Employability studio (ground floor - Stop 1). This new initiative will offer students high-quality digital headshots for LinkedIn and other professional platforms. Photoboos have previously shown to be low-touch, high-value activity and students have expressed interest in being able to value-add when on campus for class/other; thus, we will offer a consistent 4 hours per week across Semester 1. A FFAM photography student will be hired to take headshots, with a Student Peer Leader providing complementary guidance/support.	\$5,400
Media Department Summerfest Publication - Campus Guide	Nishtha B, UMSU	We will be funding a print publication-based experience for UMSU's Summerfest: a guide to campus and life at UniMelb, created entirely by current students and alumni. It will provide insight into student lived experiences, communicating memories, stories and advice, bridging a two-year gap. Featuring writing, artwork, news articles and an Indigenous history of Melbourne, all created during the pandemic, it has given students something to focus on, and an opportunity to develop their skills. It will add extensive cultural value to the existing Summerfest program, and connect people to the Southbank and Parkville campuses throughout Semester 1 and beyond.	\$3,500
Farrago's Launch Event Revival	Charlotte W, UMSU	Each year, UMSU Media publishes around six editions of Farrago, Australia's oldest student magazine, made by and for students. It's the nucleus of a vibrant media community, where lifelong friendships are made, and a career stepping-stone: many former contributors now work in highly-regarded creative and media organisations globally. Our launch parties for each physical edition allow contributors and interested readers to network with like-minded individuals and make friends. Due to COVID-19, these events have reduced in size throughout 2020-2021. We want to	\$4,000

		revive them by featuring student musicians, increasing promotions around each party, and providing a better on-site experience.	
See Southbank	Dove R, Faculty of Fine Arts and Music	This program will deliver three after-hours pop-up events showcasing student and alumni films and live performances. These events will be aligned with key University and Discover Unimelb activities. They will celebrate and promote the creative achievements of Faculty of Fine Arts and Music students and alumni, activate the Southbank campus, and strengthen a sense of community. Students will be invited to contribute to the curation of the program; this will provide an important opportunity to build skills pertinent to careers within creative industries. Funding will be put towards equipment hire, support staff, student payments, and catering.	\$15,000
ABP Movie Nights	Christopher L, Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning	The ABP Movie Nights is an opportunity for B-DES and MSD students to socialize and have fun with their peers. Students will receive traditional movie treats and watch a fun film in an MSD lecture theatre. Movie nights will be held every 4 weeks on a Wednesday until the end of Semester 1.	\$6,924
Staff Vs Student Soccer Match	Dani L, Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning	The inaugural Staff Vs Student soccer match will be held in week 2. BDes students will play against a crack team of BDes staff for the title of BDes soccer champions, and custody of the Bachelor of Design cup. Students who aren't playing will be encouraged to attend as spectators, and there will be a BBQ held after the event, run by the BDes Student Club (DESS).	\$1,294
Screening Ideas: Cinema of the Senses	Duncan C, Faculty of Arts	Building on the successes of the 2021 season of Screening Ideas, the "Cinema of the Senses" is a community-centred screening series designed to give students opportunities to connect with each other through the inclusive mediums of films and food. Presented over five nights across semester one, the Cinema of the Senses combines an accessible on-campus film screening with thematically connected food experiences to give students the opportunity to meet one another, discuss the film, and make new friends. Particular attention will be paid to connecting international students with domestic students, and to create broader friendships that extend beyond the event.	\$7,386
Public Space Picnics	Samuel H, Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)	This series of hour-long afternoon picnics accompanied by informal talks will examine overlooked public spaces on campus, using specific locations as jump-off points for discussions around larger issues. Students and staff will gather for coffee, pastries, and other items (that can be distributed in a Covid-safe manner); they will hear from an issue-area expert for a brief tour/talk, and then have an informal chat. The picnics are specifically aimed at the re-activation of spaces that might inspire conversation and debate about the use of urban space, history, heritage, and the role of nature in Melbourne University's urban surroundings.	\$5,628
Dookie Discovery Week	Karen E, Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences	The funds will be used to provide student led social activities for the BAg and DiGS cohort in Week 1 of Semester 1, to provide a cohesive, supported, fun introduction to university for approximately 200 students. The activities proposed are a part of an Outdoor Festival on the Dookie Campus that includes a Cinema, Trivia Night and DJ/Band Night over 3 days during the FVAS Discovery Week.	\$12,767
Science Gallery Uncommon Rooms Proposal	Michelle S, Chancellery	Science Gallery Melbourne is proposing a central 'Uncommon Room', within our Western Gallery space, to support students' sense of belonging to the University - established through making friends, building social networks and being connected to the broader University community. Running Mon-Fri in O'Week then weekly across the 12 weeks of Semester 1, the Uncommon Room would provide students with heavily discounted food and beverages, a comfortable and inspiring space to connect with peers, and provide relaxed access to support and advice from staff, peer leaders and PHA's. This application is for establishment funds for the program in O'Week.	\$15,000
Outdoor Movie Cinema	Alice C, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science	The outdoor movie cinema is a student community event that will encourage social interaction amongst the MDHS student cohort. After the last two years of continuing lockdowns, going to an outdoor cinema is very	\$7,000

		different from the traditional movie experience. It will provide students with the opportunity to sit on a picnic rug, and socialise with friends and peers over snacks and enjoy the warmth of a late Melbourne summer. Providing a welcoming and inviting space, students from both Bachelor of Biomedicine and Bachelor of Oral Health will be invited to attend the cinema across 3 nights in March.	
Art and the Environments	Chloe H, Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)	The following project explores University 'environments' through art, sound, and language. We invite students and staff to physically inhabit and interact on the re-activated Parkville campus. Funds are to be spent on three activities: film screenings of historical environmental art in the Digital Studio, with special focused screenings at Interactive Cinema Space/Forum Theatre in Arts West; Walking tours of the Parkville campus with environmental poetry readings/spoken word presentations; a week of open studio sessions at Norma Redpath Studio producing environmental sound artworks with a final public talk.	\$12,000
Bringing students back to campus: The Melbourne Children's Campus Research Students Association's semester 1 student social events	Loretta G, Doctor of Philosophy (MDHS)	We are seeking funding to support the Melbourne Children's Campus (MCC) Research Students Association (RSA) social activities over semester 1 (April to June). These are: monthly coffee mornings, a student-supervisor barbeque, a games night and a networking lunch during a thesis-writing workshop. These activities are intended to encourage students to return to campus, meet new people from outside their research team and flourish socially. We will also prioritise making these events accessible to all students, to promote equity and diversity in the student culture of our campus.	\$1,872.50
Inter-institute Social Soccer 2022	Alex L, Doctor of Philosophy (MDHS)	Gathering students from neighbouring medical research institutes in the Parkville precinct to participate in weekly social soccer games, the first time to do so without public health restrictions since 2019. Funds allocated will be used to reimburse student societies/schools for hiring costs and increasing the standard of equipment used in games	\$1,178.10
Bring back the most loved UoM engagement program: The Melbourne Farmers Market	Emilia B, Business Services	The Melbourne Farmer's Market provides staff and students with sustainable, healthy and local food choices on campus whilst supporting local farmers and engaging with our University Community. The range of stalls supports local producers who cater for a diverse and culturally rich food offering which entices both national and international students. Hosting the market in 2022 would support the reactivation of the campus and create a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere for students returning to campus after 2 years.	\$15,000
Winter Wonderland	Brad H, Bachelor of Commerce	Our team is planning to recreate key aspects of the Victorian ski fields right here on campus, via a Winter Wonderland day event. We are focused on providing an inclusive environment for students to enjoy hot chocolates, warm pastries, snow themed activities, and storytelling. And dedicated to building community at the event. Grant funds will be used to transform our clubrooms into a vibrant Winter theme, assist with marketing efforts to reach diverse participants, and to assist our team to provide a larger range of food and drinks, ensuring we can cater for dietary requirements and culturally inclusive foods.	\$1,500
The Amazing Race: Pavilion Edition	Delys R, Bachelor of Arts	The Student Peer Leader Network will create multi-tiered engagement activities aimed to connect students with the Pavilion - a space designed for students, by students that encourages them to eat, study and play all under one roof. Addressing the grant's objectives to reactivate campus environments and incentivise on campus attendance, our vision is to deliver an Amazing Race event that ushers 100-500 students through 5 stations throughout the building, spotlighting Pavilion spaces. Transitioning into an open-mic evening event, where student leaders are invited to share their visions for the future and encourage others to fully enjoy university spaces and resources.	\$8,021.74
Sustainable Living and Graduate Pathways	Keshara D, Faculty of Science	The events are organised to support educational and social events proposed by the Science Students' Society and also in response to the feedback received from the Student Experience Survey completed by all students across the Faculty of Science in Nov 2021. The sustainability	\$4,050

		events are aimed at connecting like-minded individuals within the faculty to promote sustainable living and to promote 'sustainability' related graduate pathway for BSc students planning for higher studies in graduate programs and research. Sustainability presentation and panel discussion will be convened by the SSS and sustainable living workshops will be conducted by the Sustainability On Campus unit.	
Business Fest	Anu V, Master of Management (Finance)	The Business Fest is a 3-day collection of learning opportunities and events across all business disciplines and aims to contribute towards the personal and professional development of the MBS and FBE cohort, through a suite of over 20 specifically curated professional and social events such as a Resume Building Workshop, LinkedIn Enhancement Workshop, as well as industry networking events which feature guests from highly-regarded companies, such as The Big 4 Consulting firms, leading tech firms and some of Melbourne's top career coaches and HR Experts. This event is MBSSA's flagship events.	\$7,970
Ableism in Immigration Panel	Betty Z, UMSU	The Migration Act's exemption from the Disability Discrimination Act results in discrimination against refugees and immigrants with disability. UMSU Disabilities and UMSU People of Colour will jointly host an open panel event to raise awareness of this intersectional issue. Speakers will represent diverse perspectives including human rights, law, and grassroots advocacy. Funding will contribute to holding this event in an outdoor space on campus, including speaker fees, AV equipment hire and catering. This event will be informative for international students with disabilities who may be impacted, as well as for students curious about refugee issues and human rights.	\$4,400

Total number of projects funded: 22

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