

2026 Student Services & Amenities Fee (SSAF) Grant

Information Session

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The University also acknowledges and is grateful to the Traditional Owners, Elders and Knowledge Holders of all Indigenous nations and clans who have been instrumental in our reconciliation journey.

We recognise the unique place held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original owners and custodians of the lands and waterways across the Australian continent, with histories of continuous connection dating back more than 60,000 years. We also acknowledge their enduring cultural practices of caring for Country.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledge in the Academy. As a community of researchers, teachers, professional staff and students we are privileged to work and learn every day with Indigenous colleagues and partners.

In making this Acknowledgment of Country we commit to respectful and responsible conduct towards all others according to the Traditional lores of this land, particularly at times of formal ceremony.

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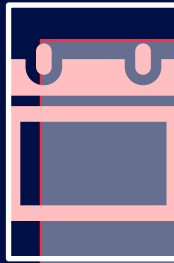
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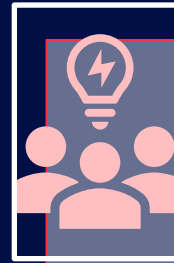
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AGENDA

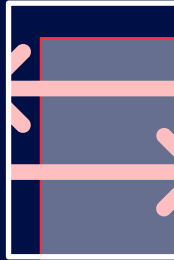


SSAF FACTS

- Where
- Key info
- Dates



SSAF Grant Vision



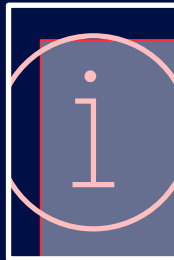
BIG Changes

- Domains
- Assessment
- Eligibility
- Mentor



Resources

- Consultations
- Canvas Module
- SmartyGrants



Top Tips



Q&A

SSAF Grant Info Session FACTS – where can I find info?

Apply for an Impact Grant and
explore Co-curricular opportunities

Explore Co-curricular program opportunities to develop your leadership and employability skills. Bring your ideas to life and apply for one of the Impact Grants and more.

Impact Grant Opportunities



[Impact Grants - Fund your idea](#)

Do you have an idea that could help improve the University and its wider community? Turning an idea into a reality is not only a fantastic experience but also a notable achievement to put on your CV.

[Impact Grants - Past Outcomes](#)

Whether your idea is student-focused or community-based, the Impact Grants help bring ideas to life and make an impact.

Current funding opportunities				
Grant	Key Dates	Who	Offer	Application
Peter McPhee Community Impact Grant	Applications are now CLOSED for 2025.	Current Students	Up to \$7,000	→ Learn more
Funding for students to initiate or participate in Leadership, Community Engagement & Volunteering activities, for the University and/or the wider community.				
SSAF Grant Program	OPEN 9 March 2026, 9am. CLOSE 12 April, 2026, 11.59pm.	Current students	Up to \$20,000	→ Learn more
Funding for projects that benefit a wide and diverse reach of students.				
Health Promotion Grants	OPEN 9 March 2026, 9am. CLOSE 26 April, 2026, 11.59pm.	Current students	Up to \$10,000	→ Learn more
Funding for activities and programs that address the health and wellbeing of students.				
Student Theatre & Performance Grant	OPEN 6 February 2026, 9am. until exhausted (e.g. Nov 2026)	Current Students	Up to \$3,000	→ Learn more
Funding to student theatre groups and individuals to encourage diversity and activation of student theatre.				
Hannah Barry Memorial Award	Applications are now CLOSED for 2025.	Current Undergraduate Students	\$1,000	→ Learn more
Assist the recipient in the development of a creative work based in the performing arts.				

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SSAF FACTS

 *In 2026 the SSAF Grant will provide funds between \$1,000- \$20,000 per project.

 Funds will only be awarded to an activity yet to commence or in progress.

 Grant funded project/activities completed by 01 November 2026.

 Grants are one-off funding; no reoccurring funding available in any capacity. Please read the guidelines.

 That are not: religious/partisan in nature

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SSAF DATES

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Grant Program



What is the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Grant Program?

The SSAF Grant Program provides **students** with an opportunity to directly engage with the SSAF Vision and objectives, by applying for a grant. The SSAF Grant Program offers funding for student-focused initiatives that contribute to meeting the needs of our diverse student population.

Grants will be available for projects across a wide range of areas. Please read the Guidelines carefully.

Applications OPEN 9 March, 9AM until 27 April, 11:59PM 2026

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Successful student applicants can be considered towards a [Melbourne Plus](#) capability recognition.

How to Apply for a SSAF Grant

→ [Download 2026 SSAF Grants Program Guidelines](#)

→ [Apply Here via SmartyGrants](#)

→ [Book a Consultation with the Impact Grants Team](#)

→ [Canvas Module - Impact Grants Guide](#)

Round Dates

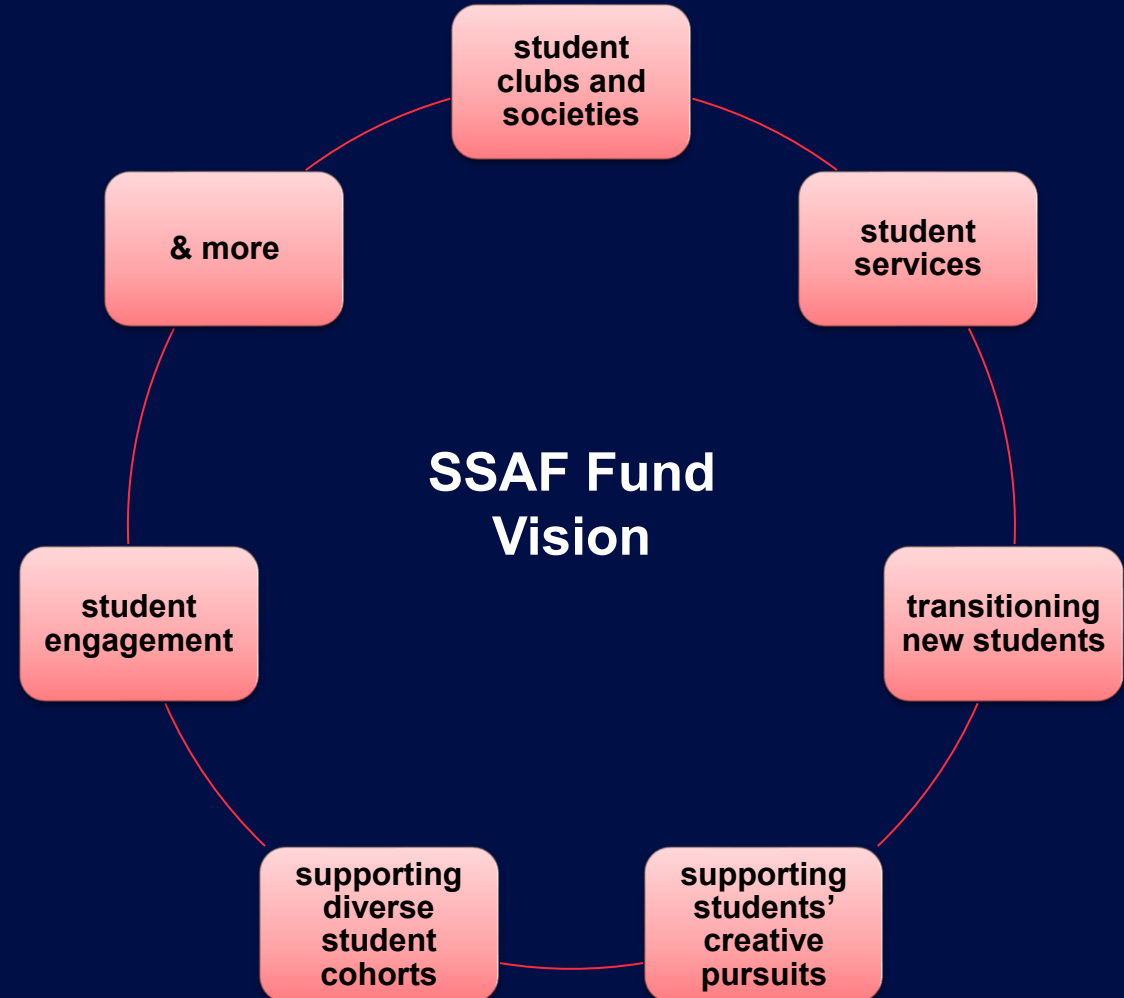
MONDAY	9 AM
09 March 2026	Applications Open
WEDNESDAY	NOON - 1PM
11 March 2026	SSAF Information Session ONLINE
	Please ensure you register to attend
SUNDAY	11.59 PM
12 April 2026	Applications Closed
SUNDAY	11.59PM
16 August 2026	Progress Report deadline
THURSDAY	11.59 PM
01 November 2026	Project completion and Acquittal due date.

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FUND VISION

The University is committed to understanding and meeting the needs of a diverse student population and ensuring that all students have an experience of lasting quality and enrichment. Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) funds enable a wide range of initiatives, determined in collaboration with students, in support of this commitment. The SSAF Grant Program supports the provision of non-academic student services and amenities in compliance with Australian Government's Higher Education Legislation.

The SSAF Grant Program is a small distribution of SSAF funding which, in addition to services provided by the Student Services and Amenities Fee, provides further funding for projects across a range of areas, including, but not limited to>



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BIG CHANGES

UoM Staff are
not eligible to
apply

UoM Affiliate
Staff are not
eligible to apply

Domain Changes

Assessment
Priorities

Applications can
no longer have
Staff Co-
Applicants

All Applications
must have a
Mentor

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GRANT DOMAINS



Applicant(s) will select one of the following domains that most suits the project via their applications form.

Place

Creating a Connected Community

Focuses on fostering a strong sense of place and community, aligning with the University's goal of creating a connected, creative and sustainable campus environment.

People

Cultivating Creative Futures

Focus to develop students' leadership skills and global outlook, in line with the University's commitment to nurturing future leaders.

Purpose

Fostering Discovery and Impact

Focus to encourage students to engage in discovery and create meaningful impact, reflecting the University's focus on purpose-driven initiatives.

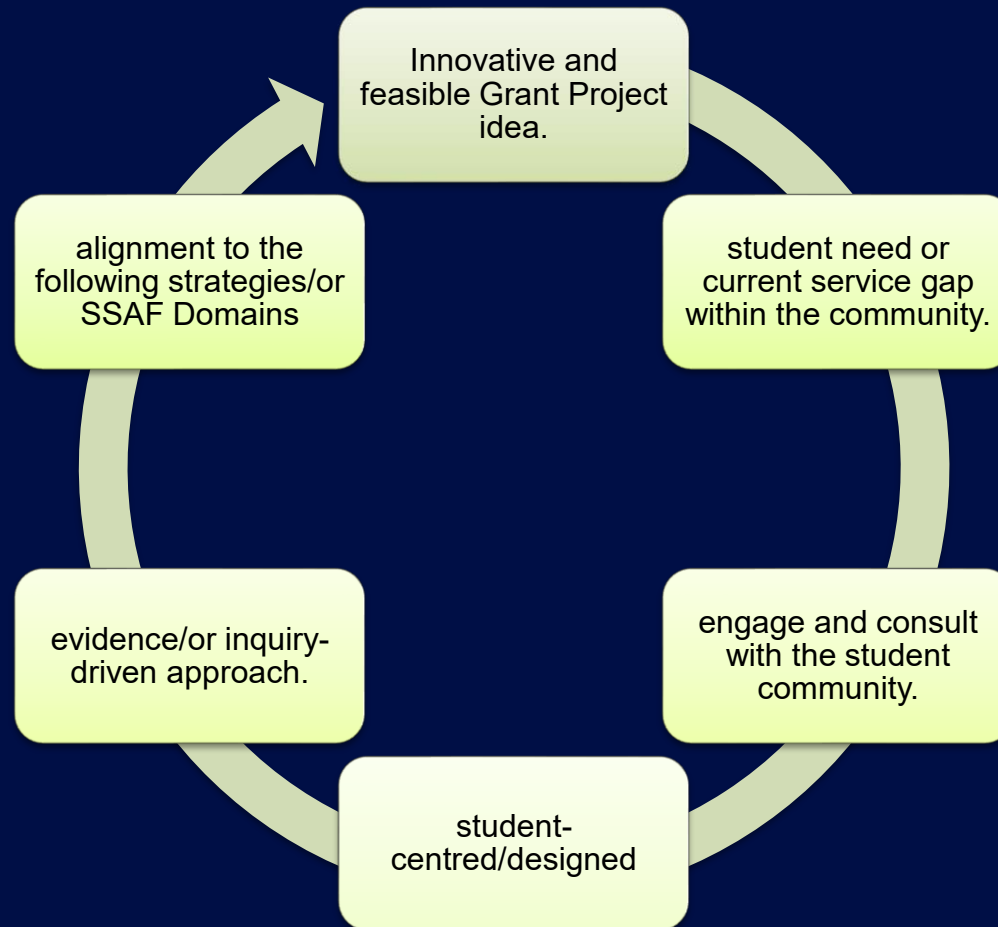
Excellence

Promoting Innovation and Wellbeing

Focuses on fostering innovation and supporting student wellbeing, aligning with the University's commitment to excellence in all areas.

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ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES



Think about these priorities when you are planning your proposal and completing your application!

- Why is this project needed?
- What, Who and When
- What kind of evidence do I need?
- Who do I need to talk to about my idea?
- I need to plan out my activities!
- Does my budget make sense?
- Have I found a mentor?
- etc...

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ELIGIBILITY



Applicant must be a current University of Melbourne student



Applicants must be the Project Leader



Applicants must be able to complete the project/activity by 1 November 2026



Applicants must not graduate before completion of the project or acquittal.



Not have multiple applications in the one round



Must not have outstanding acquittals

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WHAT IS A MENTOR



Mentors must be a current University of Melbourne Staff or Academic member



You must engage in an agreement of capacity



Review resources on Mentor Support



Can be casual, part time or full time

Mentors can endorse your project and provide guidance and support

- Engage with networking opportunities
- This is a requirement for Student applicants
- Contact us for advice (if needed)
- Mentors are to assist in guiding you
- Providing advice, valuable information and knowledge sharing
- Connection



check the Canvas Module for more support

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RESOURCES – Canvas Module



**Enrol Now - Canvas Module -
Impact Grants Guide**

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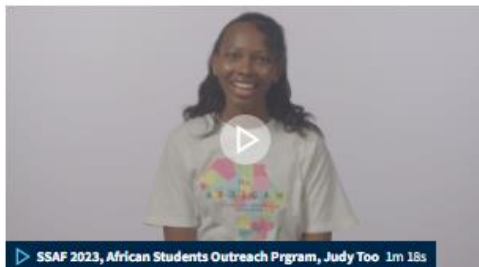
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2026 Student Services and Amenities Fee Grant



Start a
submission



Preview
the form



Download
preview form

Submissions are now being accepted. Submissions close at midnight 12 April 2026 (AEST).

IMPORTANT: Please read information below to assist you in completing your application online.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Welcome to the [Student Services and Amenities Fee \(SSAF\) Grant Program](#) online grant application service, powered by [SmartyGrants](#).

You may begin anywhere in this application form. Please ensure you save as you go.

For queries about the guidelines, deadlines, or questions in the form, please contact us on ssaf-grants@unimelb.edu.au and quote your submission number.

Click here to [Download 2026 SSAF Grants Program Guidelines](#).

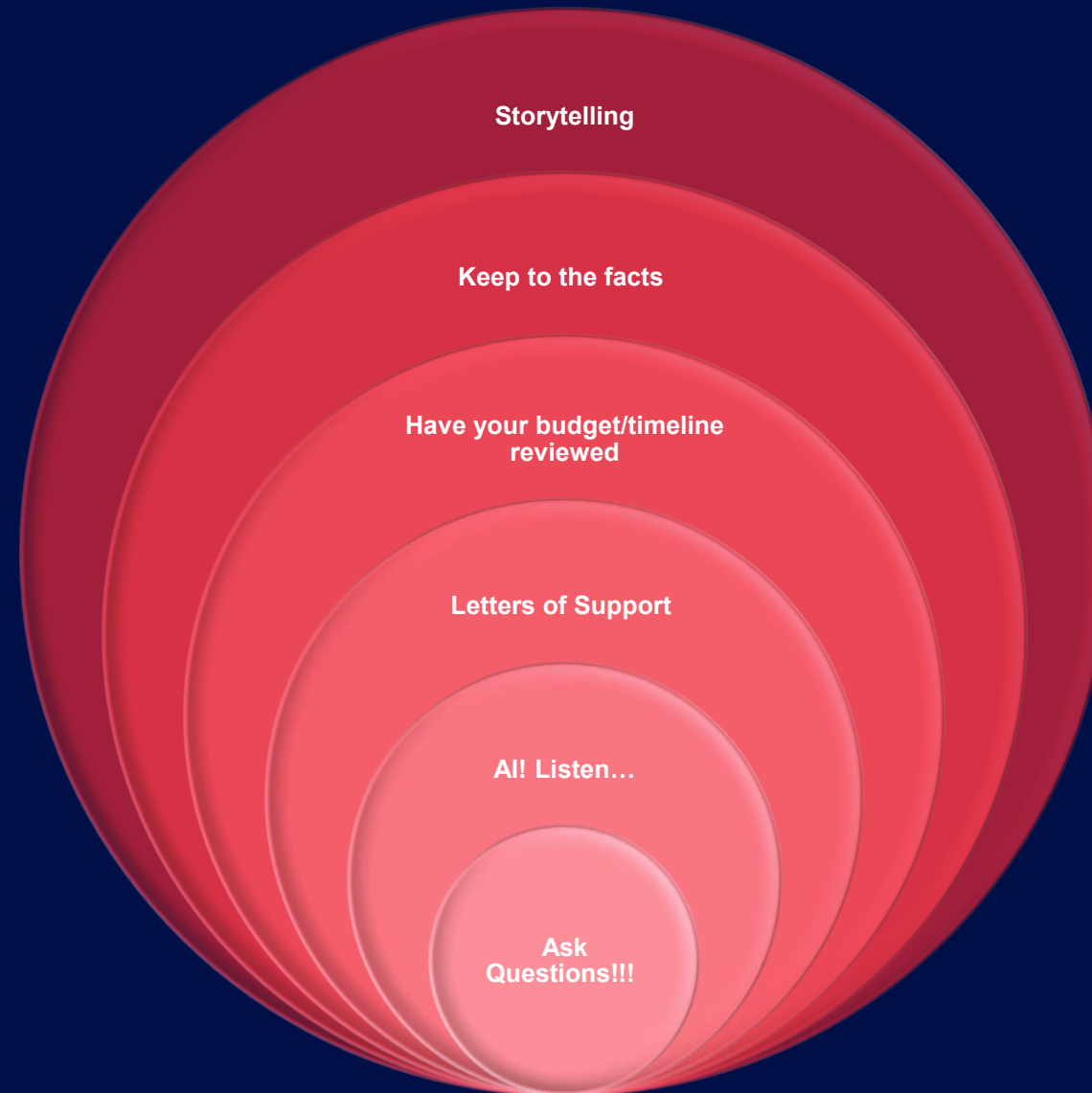
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A brand new self paced CANVAS module is available to take you through every step of the process [ENROL NOW - CANVAS MODULE - Impact Grants Guide](#)

If you need more help using this form, download the [Help Guide for Applicants](#) or check out [Applicant Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#)

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MY TOP TIPS!



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Q&A?

✉ ssaf-grants@unimelb.edu.au



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Mental Health Matters, Games Event 2024



*Korean Association Wellbeing
Networking event 2024*



Veterinary Mental Health Event 2025



Wattle Project 2025

Thank You!



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