

# Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Grant Program



Student Engagement and Peer Programs, Student Success

## Grant Recipients 2023

Project Title	Project Coordinator	Brief Project Description	Amount Funded
Night Market 2023	Aviya Bavati	<p>An unforgettable carnival event that exemplifies cross-cultural exchange through food, games, decorations, clothing, and performances.</p> <p>A collaboration between UMSU International, and 15-20 international student clubs, running food/games stalls and performances. Professional cultural performances will also be engaged throughout the event.</p> <p>Food preparation will be supervised by volunteers, hired chefs, and City of Melbourne Environmental Health Officers. Security officers, cleaners, first aid officers, fire wardens, audio visual technicians and electricians will be hired. Infrastructure will include Marquees, cooking equipment and temporary kitchen.</p> <p>Likely to be largest and most memorable student run and led event taking place in Australia this year.</p>	\$20,000.00
Wilin Garden AR	Auryn Ona	<p>Wilin Garden AR will demonstrate the living presence of Country as part of an ongoing orientation and reignition initiative of Southbank campus. Through augmented reality technology, the story of the Wilin Garden's spark, as told by Tiriki Onus, is made both more interactive and accessible to the student body. Devised in consultation with the Boon Wurrung community, the work is an immersive visual accompaniment that will enhance engagement with the cultural history of campus. Featuring the work of a First Nations student artist, this integrated digital landscape will be accessible by onsite QR code.</p>	\$19,648.00

UMSU Southbank Breakfasts	Annalyce Wiebenga	The UMSU Southbank Breakfasts will see the introduction of a weekly breakfast for students at the Southbank campus, particularly targeting students who are on campus on the morning and/or have intense course requirements. Continuing UMSU and the University's commitment to food security, this program will provide light, high-energy breakfast options alongside pastry treats to improve student physical and mental health. It will also promote community-building within and between cohorts at Southbank, who are at times quite separated.	\$10,000.00
Spark connections: Empowering Future Engineers	Manthila Ranatunga	<p>Melbourne University Electrical Engineering Club (MUEEC) is a by-students, for-students society dedicated to sparking connections among engineering students with industry professionals, and the wider engineering community. Our primary objective is to empower future engineers and equip them with the skills and networks necessary for success in their careers. To achieve this, our project focuses on:</p> <p>Cultivating students' professional and social networks within the Melbourne and wider Australian engineering communities.</p> <p>Empower students with a suite of technical skills to diversify and enhance their career options.</p> <p>Fostering essential teamwork, communication, and leadership skills in engineering through collaborative programs and competitions.</p>	\$13,770.00
Public Space Picnics	Samuel Holleran	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	\$5,657.00

Built Industry Group	Andi Xu	Built Industry Group (BIG) is a student-run organization at the University of Melbourne connecting students with the industry through practice-based learning, networking opportunities and multi-disciplinary engagement. We have members from Architecture, Construction, Landscape, Property and Planning. The Open Day Series, Big Network Nights, Coffee with Alumni offer students a chance to engage with industry professionals. Students connect with each other through Social Trivia Nights and Design Competitions. The eighteen committee members add to their leadership, communication, and collaboration skills by organizing these experiences. The SSAF grant would elevate this year's events helping activate the community.	\$11,380.00
UMSU Media Industry Workshops	Joshua Davis	The project will consist of several workshops hosted by the Umsu Media Department and facilitated by media industry professionals from across the journalism, publishing, and creative sectors. These workshops will provide valuable industry knowledge and experience to students and allow them access to highly regarded professionals who they may not have otherwise had the opportunity to interact with through their course. This will enhance students' study experience and provide them with valuable skills and knowledge for the contemporary media workplace to enhance their employability.	\$4,000.00
Clinical medical student common room improvements	Morgan Rayner	The clinical year medical students, who study offsite in hospitals, use their common rooms for study spaces and socialising. However, there are significant improvements needed in these spaces, such as cutlery, new chairs, and new kitchen equipment. They also lack study material, such as medical journals. This project will provide per head medical student fundings to update common rooms to make them enjoyable and useable spaces. The funds will be equitably distributed across the clinical schools. This will also provide a enjoyable socialising space, improving mental health and social cohesion.	\$8,920.00
UMSU International Welfare Breakkie	Aviya Bavati	Following research by Umsu, Umsu International and the university that indicates that many international and domestic students are struggling with food security and the rising cost of living, Umsu International has decided to provide free breakfasts to approximately 200-250 students three days a week. If the grant is successful, the funding would assist Umsu International in paying for these breakfasts.	\$15,000.00

Bachelor of Design/Melbourne School of Design mini-Olympics	Robert Crawford	The mini-Olympics will bring together teams consisting of a mix of undergraduate BDes and graduate MSD students, and staff to compete in a series of activities. The activities are focused on fun and inclusion, where students and staff will work together, followed by a BBQ after the event. The grant funds will be used to engage Team bonding, a professional team bonding activity provider, to run the mini-Olympics, and to provide food and drinks for the BBQ.	\$5,828.00
Rehabilitating networks of students in a minority among CALD	Sangsoo Shin	This project aims to develop a model of networks between international students in a minority among the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (mi-CALD). As a result of Covid-19 spread and boarder closure, there have been significant disruption of existing networks and less enrolment. The mi-CALD students could be more vulnerable to this aftermath as they are used to have lower social capital and resource at the University and in Melbourne. Through a few different trials of engagements to encourage their networking, we will identify and develop better model to benefit international students with mi-CALD background.	\$2,955.00
Academic Hot Talks	Yana Ryakhovskaya	This is a new initiative hosted by Graduate Researchers in Psychological Science, where academics and senior PhD students from Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences are invited to present on cutting-edge, 'hot' topics in their field. These talks will benefit students interested in pursuing psychological research by providing professional networking opportunities and exposing them to new research topics they otherwise would not be familiar with in their courses. These talks will also benefit presenting PhD students by helping them disseminate their research and gain skills in science communication. Requested funding will go towards presenter incentives and a small reception.	\$3,702.00
Assets, Activations, and Invitations to student theatre on campus - Union House Theatre (UHT).	Xanthe Beesley	Through assets, activations, and invitations UMSU's Union House Theatre (UHT) will use our second semester theatre production to showcase who we are. Our production is a revamp of the Australian classic, 'Summer of the Seventeenth Doll', an Australian play written by Ray Lawler, first performed at the Union Theatre in 1955. UHT recently moved to the Arts and Cultural Building within the student precinct and are working to bring attention to our programs and services in this new space. We will create promotional marketing tools for the production which celebrate inclusion and create greater visibility for student theatre on campus.	\$6,100.00
GAPS2 - Global Art and Psychology Seminar   Melbourne Hub	Ioannis Sidiropoulos	The Faculty of Fine Arts and Music will host one of four international hubs as part of the GAPS2 Student Conference, from 14-16 September 2023. GAPS offers students an innovative platform to share ideas,	\$7,600.00

		experiences, insights, and knowledge about the relationship between music, art, and creativity. This hub model conference places sustainability and the student voice at the heart of its organisation. The SSAF Grant will activate the Melbourne Hub at the Southbank Campus, supporting University of Melbourne students to explore interdisciplinary art and ideas in a sustainable, inclusive, and rigorous way while gaining valuable organisational, networking, and creative skills.	
Australian Medical Students' Orchestra Concert	Calliope Stavrou	The Australian Medical Students' Orchestra (AMSO), brings together medical and other allied health students from across Australia annually for a weekend of rehearsals, culminating in a charity concert. We provide an opportunity for students to continue their passion for both music and charity and form strong bonds with colleagues from around the country. This year, AMSO is being held in Melbourne, with UMMSSO spearheading the project. SSAF funding will go towards essential production costs for the orchestra (e.g. venue, conductor fees), and allow us to maintain affordable registration fees, ensuring that AMSO is an accessible opportunity for all students.	\$7,365.00
Conservation and Cake	Hayley Nolle	In collaboration with Student Conservators at Melbourne (SC@M), private conservation practice Care Of Studios (c/o) will host a series of drop-in sessions for students in the Master of Cultural Materials Conservation. During informal sessions, students will practice conservation treatment hand skills in a professional laboratory outside of assessment pressures. This project addresses the need for students to develop advanced hand skills for employment, the opportunities for which are limited outside of study without significant and inequitable commitment. Funds will be spent on materials, professional fees, venue hire (contribution to studio rent) and catering.	\$2,805.00

UMSUi Queer Film Night	Aviya Bavati	<p>The UMSUi Queer Film Night will promote a safer and more inclusive environment for queer identifying international students and their allies on campus. It also aims to showcase UMSUi and the university as a friendly and supporting community for LGBTQIA+ international students.</p> <p>The event will see a combination of full-length films and short films that relate to queer subject matters. The event will also include refreshments.</p>	\$3,000.00
MUDfest TRANSFORM - student arts festival	Susan Hewitt	MUDfest 2023, designed and delivered by UMSU's Creative Arts department, is the University of Melbourne's biennial student arts festival, this year revitalised to be in person for our Student Precinct. Encompassing a diverse range of artistic practices MUDfest encourages innovative collaborations between established artforms. MUDfest is run by students for students and provides professional development and leadership opportunities. This year the SSAF grant will be supporting the 'transformation' of the Student Precinct to a cultural hub of artistic experimentation and development by contributing to student artist fees for the creative making, and the festival launch and closing events.	\$10,500.00
MD Student Conference Workshops Program	Manasha Kumarasiri	The University of Melbourne MD Student Conference is the largest student run conference in the southern hemisphere - bringing together all 1300+ students of the Melbourne Medical School. Over 4 days of conference, the program draws medicine into the real world and intersects it with culture, business, politics, and technology. The SSAF Grant will be put towards our Workshops program, which offers students hands-on experience with procedures and simulations which are otherwise not covered as part of the core medical curriculum.	\$15,886.00

The African Students Outreach Program	Judy Too	This initiative seeks to offer mentorship, networking opportunities and support services to African students currently enrolled at the University. As there are currently no African student community groups at the University, this proposal fills an important gap towards diversity and inclusion by creating a nurturing space for African students, promoting their health and well-being. We plan to collaborate with Melbourne-based African professionals and alumni to establish a mentorship program that will support students towards achieving their academic and professional goals. Additionally, we will organize networking events that will bring together students and professionals, fostering a sense of community and belonging.	\$10,500.00
			<b>Total: \$184,616.00</b>

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