

SSAF Grants Program

Annual Report 2025

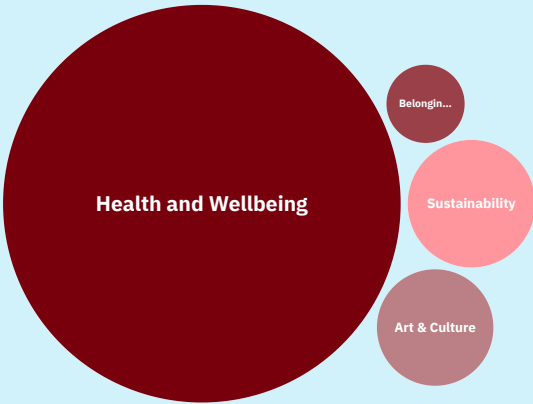


The SSAF Grants Program managed by Student and Scholarly Services - Impact Grants Team; aims to practically support & operationalise **student led & developed** projects university wide. The University's SSAF Grants program aligns strategically with the University's ASE goals and through student driven priorities, ensuring a **university community; Showcasing the student the voice in action**. Occurring annually through SASS since 2020; below is a summary of the Grantee profile, highlights, total fund disbursement, and grant selection process of the 2025 round.

Grant Domains

The annual SSAF grant process involves students sharing insights into the pressing needs of their intersectional communities. These identified needs are organised into overarching domain areas for further consideration and action.

2025 SSAF Grant Snapshot



GRANT	DETAILS	INSIGHT
Grantee Profile	46.6% Current Students 46.6% Staff 6.7% Affiliate Staff 57.14% International Students 42.86% Domestic Students	2025 saw a 17% increase in Staff applications, decreasing student led projects by 31% since 2024. Arts represented the greatest number of applicants in 2025 with 57.14%, and Science, Engineering, and Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences representing 14.29% of applicants, a drastic swap from 2024.
Grant Selection Process	Phase 1: 5 x Student Peer Leaders Phase 2: 6 x UoM Executive Staff	Phase 1: Shortlisting & Eligibility Criteria Assessed by 5 Student Peer Leaders Phase 2: Final Selection Panel 6 x UoM Executive Staff (Faculty Rep/Provost/Student Services and Associations)



Climate Bites



MDHS Food Pantry



Wattle Project

2025 SSAF Project Domains:

- 1.Arts & Culture > 28%
- 2.Belonging & Access > 21%
- 3.Health & Wellbeing > 35%
- 4.Sustainability > 14%

Wattle Fellowship: Unconventional for a Reason	\$20,000	beneficiaries → 940
Training Student Ambassadors for Sustainability through Melbourne Plus	\$14,350	→ 150
	\$34,350	1090

An Exhibition of VCA Art Honours Students and Sao Paulo University Students	\$7,000	beneficiaries → 400
Moonlight Fest: Mid-Autumn On Campus	\$5,000	→ 200
Air Means Water	\$6,650	→ 150
Screening Ideas: New Trans Cinemas	\$6,000	→ 160
	\$24,650	670

Sustainability

Arts & Culture

SSAF DOMAINS

Belonging & Access

Health & Wellbeing

Welfare's Fair Fare: Delivering Equitable Food Support Across University of Melbourne	\$20,000	beneficiaries → 710
Student Wellbeing Stand	\$12,447.50	→ 8750
Student Wellbeing and Belong Space	\$10,000	→ 500
The Masculinities Project Mobiliser Program	\$16,184.90	→ 75
Climate Bites	\$9,950	→ 75
BioPS Non-Traditional Sports Trials	\$6,000	→ 40
	\$74,582.40	10,175

Outlook Rural Social Networking event	\$13,045	beneficiaries → 212
Being a Melburnian: A Support Network for International Students	\$20,000	→ 363
Resilience Rising: A game of survival, evolution, & adaptive futures	\$5057.90	→ 150
	\$38,102.90	725

SSAF Grants *Impact*

The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Grant program has proven to be at the cornerstone of facilitating student driven, engagement and community development opportunities at the University of Melbourne in 2025. All SSAF Grant recipients adhere to comprehensive financial and outcome evaluation data requirements, allowing us to gain insight into the wide reaching and valuable outcomes, learnings and benefits that the Grant program can facilitate. The program not only empowers grantees and their project teams but also creates a ripple effect of positive change across campus, creating impact; and highlighting the *Student Voice in Action* of countless students through innovative and targeted activities.

FUNDING SUMMARY

Total Project Budget	Total Grant Funds Expended
\$185,000	\$174,444
Avg spend per Grant	Cost benefit per student
\$11,629	\$13.50



Purpose	Outputs	Outcomes
Beneficiaries	The Grants facilitated 238 individual UoM Student Volunteer opportunities, plus 56 Staff Volunteers. 24 Staff members participated as co-applicants, mentors or direct support to students grantees.	The grantees collectively reflect a holistic approach to student experience, blending community-building, cultural expression, wellbeing support, and academic growth. They highlight a strong commitment to inclusivity and sustainability while ensuring students across diverse campuses feel connected, supported, and engaged. Together, through SSAF, these programs cultivate a vibrant, inclusive, and future-focused university environment.
Activities	12,915 approx* attended activities across 259 based across all campuses, a first since 2020. 50% - Parkville ... 5% - Werribee activities location	These experiences give students practical, real-world skills that go beyond classroom learning, helping them grow personally and professionally. By taking part in hands-on projects, students gain valuable exposure to event planning, community involvement, and leadership—skills that are hard to achieve through curricular programs alone.
Student Satisfaction	9.38 averaged scoring "It was an amazing experience. The SSAF Grants Impact team was very helpful throughout the process. This grant allowed me bring about great impact..."	Overall feedback shows strong satisfaction with the program, highlighting the grant's positive impact on student experiences and community contribution. Although some suggestions for improvement were noted, the general perception is highly favorable, reinforcing the program's value and effectiveness.