The WP Fund

Supporting you to make a difference.
The WP Fund is a pot of money provided by the WP Department at King’s to KCLSU, with the aim of encouraging King’s students to design and deliver their own outreach projects.

Student groups can apply for up to £500 of funding for a project – this can cover things like cost of travel, resources, external speaker fees and hiring equipment. The WP Fund does not cover the cost of food.

Applications open on Monday 14th October 2019 and close on Sunday 10th November at 10pm.

WP stands for Widening Participation.

This means supporting and encouraging students from under represented backgrounds to apply for and access higher education. There are distinct groups that we work with in WP, which you can find below.

If you believe that your background should never be a barrier in accessing education, then the WP Fund is for you!
WP Groups

(This should give you an idea of who the target audience of your project could be)

First in family to go to university
Eligible for Free School Meals
Low income household
UK state school educated
Low-participation neighbourhood (not many people from area progress to university)
Is a young carer for a family member
Has been, or is currently, in care
Estranged student (no contact with parents/family)
Disabled student
Mature student (aged 25+ at start of first degree)
Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority
White working class
Asylum seeker, refugee or forced migrant
Gypsy, Roma, Traveller

Who can apply for the WP Fund?

Student Activity Groups, Media Groups and Sports Clubs are all eligible to apply for the WP Fund.

Likewise, any group of students (group size of two or more) can apply for the WP Fund – even if they are not a ratified society.

Please note, we do not usually accept applications from individual students.
What is the criteria?

For your project to be considered a Widening Participation project (and therefore eligible for the WP Fund) it must...

Have an outreach or access element to it. This means that the project must aim to tackle an inequality or problem in the education system or aim to widen access to higher education.

Should target pre-university learners. They can be of any age – from primary school, all the way up to mature students looking to get back into studying.

Must be SMART – meaning specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely.

How do we apply?

Applications open on Monday 14th October and close on Sunday 10th November at 10pm.

Only applications made in this window will be considered.

If you are passionate about making a difference, and you have an idea that will make education more equal and accessible, then apply now!