

Student Ideas Fund Pre-Application

Student Guidance



What is the Student Ideas fund?

We're building a celebrated and lively community you can be proud to be a part of. If you have an **Idea** that hits one of the following, we want to hear from you:

- Improves the student experience
- Builds a sense of belonging
- Strengthens ties with local communities
- Promotes sustainability
- Shares your knowledge and skills

We have £40,000 to support student-led ideas! The Student Ideas Fund will provide the funds to bring your idea to life. This fund is open to all students! Whether you have a project as an **individual student**, **are a collective of students** looking for help getting the ball rolling or a **society** hosting something fresh we are here to support you!

The SIF aims to be as flexible as possible when supporting ideas! Your idea could be a **campaign!** A **Give it a Go** workshop you wish to run (even if you're not a society!) or a new initiative within your **faculty** or **society**. The SIF can provide funding to launch a new initiative, fund a one-off initiative, or help restart a stalled idea. Take a look at some of the previous ideas we have funded [here!](#)

If you have any questions about what may pass, please email events@luu.ac.uk. Don't be scared to just go ahead and fill out the initial form. Even if your idea isn't eligible, we will still support you in trying to get your idea going!

Eligibility

As the Student Ideas Fund is made up of donations from alumni at The University of Leeds it must hit specific donor wishes. Therefore, the Student Ideas Fund has criteria outlined below:

- Ideas must align with one or more of the fund's objectives (see bullet points at the top)
- Projects can be one-time initiatives, new concepts, or a relaunch of stalled ideas
- Proposals must not duplicate existing funding opportunities or contravene UoL/LUU policies
- Funding excludes personal academic research, scholarships, and direct financial benefits to the applicant
- Proposals won't support projects which should be supported by existing or 'core' funding (e.g. the replacement of old equipment)

- Projects where other sources of funding are available or appropriate, including direct Service/School/Faculty funding won't be supported
- Projects that require several years of funding will only be funded for their initial launch or relaunch
- Staff and/or commission costs will not be funded.

Submit your idea

Fill out our initial idea form [here!](#) All you need to have ready for this form is a rough outline of your idea and the amount you are considering applying for. Please note we cannot provide more than £5000 per project.

Once we receive your initial idea, one of our team members will check if it is eligible. If it is, we will contact you to attend an application workshop and connect you with an LUU or University team to support you in completing the [main application](#) and ensure you gain expert advice and support in making your idea a reality. You can expect to hear back within two weeks of submission.

You will then submit your full application. This will be shared with Union and University staff to make recommendations on. You may receive suggestions to improve your application and will be provided with adequate support to make edits. Within three weeks of submitting your main application, you will hear back from the panel if it has approved or rejected your funding proposal.

Next Steps

If your Main SIF Application form is approved, you will be contacted regarding next steps and provided with more in detail guidance. Please see below summarised next steps to enable you a brief understanding of what can be expected.

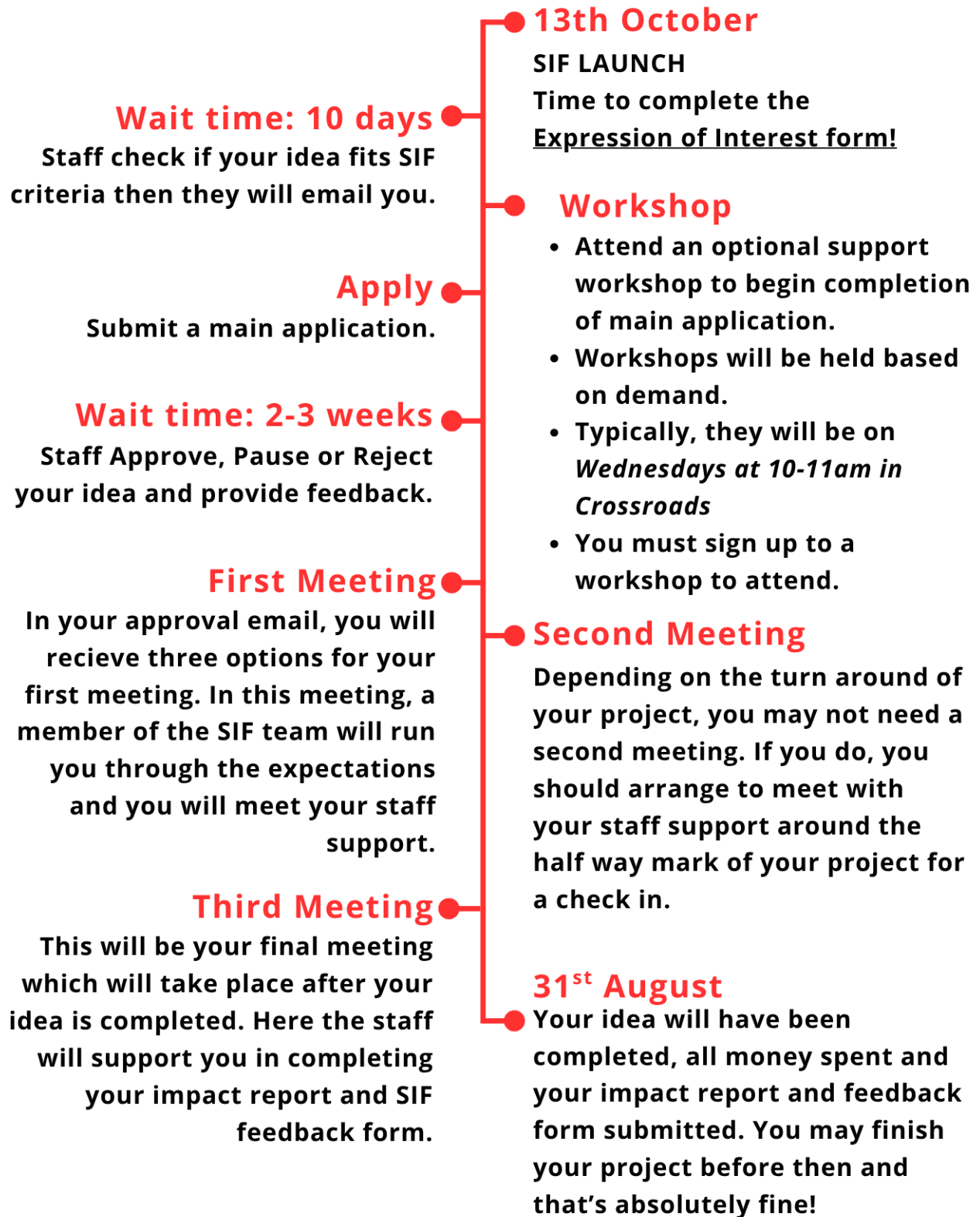
1. You will be matched with a staff support to meet with and provide advice for your idea. This staff support will be your first port of call throughout the project timeline of your idea
2. You will receive the funding to support you with your idea
3. You will begin to complete your project tracker to help yourself and your staff support keep track of your project especially when it comes to things like expenses and key deadlines.
4. Once your project is completed you will be able to complete the impact report to highlight the impact your idea had on yourself and the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this guidance! We can't wait to see all your ideas!

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Application Timeline

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Key Dates

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