

## **Student Sports Grants**

*Supported by the Vickerstaff Fund, the Agelasto Fund,  
the Piercy and Rich Fund, and the Hermes Fund*

### **Background**

The Vickerstaff Sports Bursary Scheme, launched in November 2009, has the aim of raising money tax-efficiently from former sporting alumni to support the College's current sportsmen and sportswomen. The fund has been generously supported by many past Selwyn sportsmen and women, and was named after two alumni who were particularly generous. The specific object of the Scheme is to increase participation in, and the standard of, sport in Selwyn. The Scheme runs alongside the Hermes Club Sports Grant scheme, by which former members of the Hermes and Sirens' Clubs make regular donations in support of College sport. In addition, the income from the Agelasto Fund and the Piercy and Rich Fund is also available for awarding grants to sportsmen and sportswomen.

Grants will be given to support a variety of sport-related activities including travel, training, purchase of kit and coaching. Both men's and women's sport will be supported. Typically grants will be made to *individuals* in support of the following:

- those who have incurred expenses as a result of competing at University or national level;
- those with Blues or Half-Blues to further participation in their nominated sport;
- those who are active participants in College sport to further their involvement and improve their ability.

Grants may be awarded to cover the following:

- *required* kit (as opposed to optional items);
- subscriptions to University or national clubs (please make it clear whether or not the subscription includes the costs of training camps or similar);
- competition entry fees and the costs of travel to such events;
- training camps or similar, where these are compulsory.

The costs of expensive items of equipment (e.g. bows, bicycles) which remain the property of an individual will not be considered, neither will the costs of subsistence (e.g. meals). Subscriptions to College clubs will not be considered. It is unlikely that any individual will be in receipt of a grant larger than £250. There is no guarantee that any claim will be paid in part or in full.

Grants may very occasionally be made to College teams that incur considerable running expenses (for example for hire of facilities) which cannot be met in full by the allocations made through the process for grants to clubs and societies. Such applications must be accompanied by details of the bid for such a grant and of the amount awarded. Applications from College teams for one-off expenses (e.g. for team kit or equipment) may also occasionally be considered. In both cases the application should be accompanied by details of efforts that have been made to secure sponsorship or other fund-raising (and amounts raised) and quotations from more than one source for the proposed purchases.

Due to the existence of its own funding arrangements, the Scheme will only be used to support the Boat Club on a very exceptional basis. Individual rowers who qualify under the terms above are welcome to apply.

## **Further details**

For *personal* applications, please complete the attached form as fully and accurately as possible. **No claim will be paid unless it is supported by receipts or other appropriate documentation.** *College Clubs* requesting assistance should write a letter setting out their budget for the academic year. The sum granted through the annual distribution of funding to clubs and societies should be indicated, as should the number of active participants in the club, and the frequency of training sessions/matches.

Once you have filled in the form it should be passed to your Tutor for signature and then handed in to the Porters' Lodge marked 'FAO Dr Sewell, Student Sports Grants'.

There will be two rounds of applications and approximately equal amounts will be allocated at each round. The closing date for the first round will be **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. The closing date for the second round will be **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

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