



# GRADUATE AND RESEARCHER COLLEGE/ POSTGRADUATE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Do you want to make art from DNA, or run yoga writing retreats? Maybe hold a public engagement competition or bring theory to life?

Apply for funding through the Postgraduate Community Experience Awards and your idea may become reality! Funding of up to £1,500 is available for event/project ideas with an interdisciplinary focus and a proposal to enhance the postgraduate community at Kent.

# POSTGRADUATE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE AWARDS/ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## What is the award for?

The PG Community Experience Award offers enterprising postgraduates the chance to put on an interdisciplinary project or event aimed at enhancing Kent's PG community experience. It is open to all postgraduates of all levels across all of our locations, and awards £1500 to successful applicants.



## What is the criteria for entry?

Successful applications will put forward:

- A clear commitment to build community across a number of academic Schools/disciplines. A broad interdisciplinary and/or external focus.
- A detailed breakdown of the planning, implementation and budgeting of the event/project. A new innovative idea not currently in existence.

Proposals must also:

- Be planned to take place within the academic year in which the applicant has applied for it. Be based on the applicant's main/campus centre, though external locations (up to 20 miles away) may be considered if vital to the project/event.
- Be consistent with Kent's regulations on [data protection](#).

We particularly welcome applications engaging with the themes of wellbeing, internationalisation, career or research career development, and equality, diversity and inclusivity.

## How can I spend the money?

- Successful applicants will work on the project/event on a voluntary basis, with funding put towards materials/external assistance.
- Funding cannot be used for catering unless an integral part of the project/event.
- Funding cannot be used for alcohol unless part of a fully justified reception or dinner. Funding cannot be used for the making and/or selling of food/perishable goods.
- The GRC will assist with room bookings and small purchases of materials, but all other activities must be managed by the awardee themselves.
- Funding cannot be used to pay current students to participate or support a project/event. Small incentives may be possible, but the panel will favour voluntary support.

## How do I apply?

Download and complete the application form that can be found here:

Please send your completed application to [kentgrc@kent.ac.uk](mailto:kentgrc@kent.ac.uk) by the advertised deadline.

Our judging panel will meet and notify applicants of the results within one month of the deadline.

### How to apply

Download the Application Form and start writing your proposal

Obtain a statement of support from your Divisional Director of Graduate Students and Student Experience

Send completed application to [kentgrc@kent.ac.uk](mailto:kentgrc@kent.ac.uk)

#### Things to think about

Who is going to help you?  
How much will your activity cost?  
How much time will you need to allocate to the activity?  
Where and when will your activity take place?  
How are you going to advertise your activity?  
How will it benefit our postgraduate community?

## Revious Winners

Read more about our most recent previous winners to get an idea of what this prize is for!

Visit: <https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/graduateschoolnews/postgraduate-community-experience-award/>



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