

Purpose of the Awards

Working Towards the YAS Societal Themes

The YAS Small Grants are designed to support activities or projects which go beyond the scope of the Working Group (WG) activities, or which cross over several WGs. These Grants are designed to support activities which work towards one or more of the six YAS Societal Themes, as set out in the YAS 2020 Vision:

Healthier	<i>Identify and tackle health and wellbeing challenges</i>
Smarter	<i>Promote informed decision-making among individuals, groups and government</i>
Enterprising	<i>Engage in innovation & entrepreneurial thinking</i>
Sustainable	<i>Empower communities & enable access to expertise</i>
Equal	<i>Promote equality & justice between peoples and nations</i>
International	<i>Engage in outward-looking projects & bring Scotland's expertise to the world</i>

All ideas of activities/outputs that will contribute to the Societal Themes will be considered.

Collaborative and Multi-Disciplinary Work

Collaborative working is essential, and grant proposals must involve at least three members of YAS (current and emeritus members can be included, but the application must be led by a current member). Collaboration with other individuals and organisations is also encouraged.

Multi-disciplinary projects, including those between academia, business, industry, practitioners etc. are encouraged.

Proposal

Applicants must provide sufficient detail in the application form to allow the assessment panel to judge the quality and achievability of the application. Proposed outcomes should also be included.

Knowledge Exchange and dissemination are important parts of these awards and will be taken into account when the selection of projects is made.

Level of Award

Maximum: £2000; Minimum: £500

In providing information on estimated costs, applicants are asked to note that:

- As accurate costs as possible should be provided. Where possible, applicants should try to obtain quotes prior to submission.
- Advantage should be taken of appropriate inexpensive accommodation, and travel costs should be at the least expensive rates available
- In-kind support from other organisations is to be encouraged
- YAS Small Grants may be topped up by an awardee's institution, or other funding sources (taking in to consideration the guidance provided in the document 'Branding and Funding of YAS Events and Activities').

YAS support must be acknowledged in promotional materials, publications etc.

If successful, the grant will be paid to the awardee's institution, not to an individual.

Timescale

Please note that Small Grant awards should be carried out over a six month period and should begin between **October and December 2017**. Retrospective applications will not be considered.

Eligibility

YAS Small Grants are open to all current Members of YAS. Emeritus Members can be participants in the application, but the application should be led by a current YAS member. (Any Members/Emeritus with subscription charges outstanding will not be eligible to apply).

Members of the Facilitating Group are eligible to apply, but will then take no role in the decision-making process.

Method of Application

Applications must be submitted electronically (preferably in Word format), on the application form provided, to Sarah Virgo, YAS Officer, svirgo@theRSE.org.uk, by **25 September 2017**.

For further information and enquiries please contact Sarah by e-mail or phone (0131 240 5027).

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by YAS staff, members of the YAS Facilitating Group and other experts where necessary (from within the YAS Membership and/or the RSE Fellowship).

We hope to inform applicants of the result of their application towards the end of October 2017.

Monitoring of awards

Awardees will be required to provide a report detailing how the funds were spent, what the outcomes were, and how the results were disseminated. This must be submitted within 3 months of the end of the award. A report form will be provided for completion.

Awardees will also be asked to provide a short summary of the activities, outcomes etc. for use in YAS publications (newsletter etc.)