EXTRA - Enhanced Postgraduate Community Fund Awards

Deadline for applications: 12pm, 9 February 2018

In February 2018, 3 enhanced awards of between £500 - £1,000 are being made available to ambitious projects from the Postgraduate Community that foster collaboration and networking within and beyond UAL.

The project will need to happen and be completed between March and August 2018.

Project proposals must:

- Bring together 3 or more postgraduate community groups within UAL
- Create an opportunity for these communities to network or collaborate with a community, network or organisation from outside of UAL
- Sit under one of the 4 UAL Research Themes:
  - Communities of Resilience
  - Living with Environmental Change
  - Lifelong Health & Wellbeing
  - Digital Futures

We are particularly interested in projects which:

- Foster collaborations / networks across different subject areas, including those beyond the arts
- Foster collaborations / with other postgraduate communities beyond UAL
- Will create a lasting positive impact on students’ professional development
- Responds clearly and ambitiously to one of the 4 UAL Research Themes

Other requirements

If you are successful in your application, we will ask you to:

- Create a project blog on myblog.arts.ac.uk that documents your project
- Be available for the end of year Communities of Practice Event to present your project.
- Keep track of spending and provide invoices and receipts for evidence of spending
- Write a report article for the PG Community Blog
FAQ’s

What are the 4 UAL Research Themes?

Communities of Resilience: We are looking for events, projects and interventions that use art and design to support communities in understanding how to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to the issues they face, through co-design, co-creation, socially responsive practices and social entrepreneurship.

Living with Environmental Change: Do you have an idea for an event, project or intervention that through creative practice, increases the understanding of environmental change and sustainable living? Perhaps using design to reduce waste and to change producer and consumer behaviours?

Lifelong Health & Wellbeing: We welcome projects, events or intervention ideas which are committed to positively contributing to the impact of health and wellbeing or looks to minimize issues of dependency, isolation, and inequality.

Digital Futures: We are looking for project and event ideas which look to how technology can/does affect lives, changes the way society interacts and impacts on communities, cultural production, future society, and economic growth.

What do you mean by ‘postgraduate community groups within UAL’?

A community needs to include at least 3 or more UAL postgraduate students from different disciplines— or the proposed project needs to include an open call for participants from UAL postgraduate courses. Please get in touch if you would like help with identifying other postgraduate students to work with.

Can I have some examples of collaboration across disciplines?

Think about what your ‘Dream Team’ might look like. Consider the roles that could be created to make your idea a successful project.

Do you need: a photographer, a blogger, a documentary film-maker, a graphic designer, an advertising specialist, a marketing professional, a fashion designers, a performance designer, a curator, an architect, a journalist… a book designer?

The Postgraduate Community at UAL has students with all of these skills and more. See all the Postgraduate course disciplines at UAL here: http://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/postgraduate/pg-courses/
How can I find collaborators within UAL’s Postgraduate Community?

You can advertise in the Postgraduate Community Newsletter, which goes out to all students every Friday in term time, and utilise the Postgraduate Community Facebook Group and Twitter feeds. If you are successful with your funding application, the support we can give you to find other PG students to collaborate with will be explained more fully.

What do you mean by ‘communities, networks or organisations outside UAL’?

This is very broad. Your project could involve students from a Postgraduate course at another university, a network of artists, an arts organisation, a local community group, a hospital, a business, studio collective, gallery, theatre group, fashion house, magazine, UAL alumni… this is not an exhaustive list- just some examples of people, networks or organisations you might consider working with. You will need to identify the external partner, and have a named contact prior to application.

What does my project proposal need to include?

We want to know all about your ideas for your project. We also want to know the practical details of how you are going to deliver it:

- What resources do you need?
- Who is going to take part?
- Where is it going to take place?
- Who is the audience for the project?
- How you are going to measure the success of your project?
- How are you going to document it?

When does it have to happen?

The project will need to happen and be completed before the end of August 2016

What kind of costs will you fund?

Costs we will fund include: printing costs, equipment hire, venue hire, building materials, props, specific travel costs, professional fees, drinks for an opening, sandwiches for seminars…

What kind of costs do you not fund?

The fund does not cover student fees or your research time. If you would like to query if a cost is eligible, please get in touch before submitting your application.
Can I get funding for my degree show or other work related to my course?

No. This funding is only available for activity that you are initiating in addition to assessed work for your course.

How to apply:

Please fill out the application form and email it via your UAL email address to pgcommunity@arts.ac.uk before the published deadline.