



**The Nonesuch Rowing Foundation
Grant Making Policy
V1.4**

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1. Object of the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation

The Nonesuch Rowing Foundation's object is:

For the public benefit to promote community participation in healthy recreation in Bristol and the surrounding area by assisting in the provision of facilities to participate in the amateur sport of rowing and providing support to encourage wider participation in the sport, in particular through:

- a) the provision of voluntary support, equipment, facilities and other financial support in the form of grants to Bristol-based rowing club, the University of Bristol Boat Club ("UBBC");
- b) improving facilities and purchasing equipment that will increase capacity for participation in the sport of rowing;
- c) providing grants to students and other individuals to cover costs that would otherwise preclude them from participation in the sport of rowing.

2. Categories of grant

1. The Nonesuch Rowing Foundation will fulfil its object by, but not exclusively through, the provision of two categories of grants:
 - a. Individual Small Grants; to assist individuals whose participation in rowing would otherwise be prevented by associated personal financial costs to the participant. These grants are intended to cover (either fully or partially) the costs associated with the purchase of appropriate team clothing, travel and entry into national/international competitions, training camps, and other similar costs deemed appropriate by the charity's trustees.
 - b. Club Grants; to allow the University of Bristol Boat Club (UBBC) to purchase appropriate equipment, fund coaching and sustain financial stability in order to accommodate a larger membership and greater participation in rowing. This equipment could include, but is not limited to:
 - i. Rowing boats, oars, and their accessories necessary for rowing
 - ii. Safety launches
 - iii. Other safety equipment
 - iv. Vehicles for transport to training and events

3. Principles in making grants

1. The Trustees make grants at their discretion to advance the objective and charitable purpose of the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation.

2. Trustees are not under any obligation to provide a grant, even if the application is fully compliant with this policy. The Trustees' decisions on grants are final.
3. Any adult over 18 can apply to the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation for a grant, but preference will be given to grants coming from verified students of the University of Bristol. Applications should be endorsed by a member of University of Bristol Rowing staff, ideally the Rowing Head Coach or Rowing Development Coach.
4. The Trustees believe it is important to ensure the sustainable development of rowing at the University. For that reason, Club Grant applications that can show evidence that they contribute to a long-term plan, or will have an impact over a multi-year period, will be prioritised. Equally, applications that only provide a 'one-off' benefit will be deprioritised.
5. The Trustees believe that encouraging participation and enabling high performance in sport are both important considerations in advancing the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation's objective. In awarding grants, the Trustees will attempt to balance these factors.
6. All applications will be considered on their merit and relevance. Grant applications contrary to these principles may be considered if they can compellingly show that they advance the objective of the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation.
7. The Trustees intend to consider grant applications in a holistic manner, to ensure that the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation is awarding grants in a strategically coherent way. In practice this may mean that applications which are considered strong when looked at in isolation could be outweighed by applications which merit the context of wider club advancement.

4. Exclusion from grants

1. The Trustees do not intend to fund (either fully or in part) equipment which is intended to replace equipment which has been damaged or lost.
2. The Trustees will not provide funds to cover payments which have already been made prior to the communication of a grant decision.
3. The Trustees will not fund any social activities, even if in connection with rowing at the University of Bristol Boat Club.

5. Club Grant applications

1. Club grant applications must be made formally in writing to the Trustees, either electronically or by written letter. Verbal applications or informal written applications will not be accepted.
2. When applying for a grant, applicants must provide information that:

- a. sets out how the resources applied for will be used, whether funds from other sources are being sought, and how this will advance the object of the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation;
- b. explains how many people are likely to benefit from the grant each year, and what the characteristics of the beneficiaries are likely to be (e.g. gender, skill level in rowing);
- c. explains how the resources applied for will contribute to, and not undermine, any long-term club plan;
- d. sets out how the Trustees will be able to verify that any funds provided will be used for their intended purposes;
- e. enables the Trustees to contact the applicant, to make suitable inquiries to verify the information provided in the application, and to undertake appropriate due diligence.
- f. is accompanied by a signed (or electronically authorised) statement confirming that all information provided is correct.

6. Individual Small Grant applications

1. Individual Small Grant applications must be made formally in writing to the Trustees (or delegated grant assessment panel, if appropriate) using the provided online application form.
2. Individual Small Grant applications will be considered by the Trustees during predetermined time-bound application rounds. The number and timing of these application rounds will be decided by the Trustees and published on the charity's website. Dates for application submission and consideration are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Trustees, but will usually coincide with the beginning of each university term. Applicants may view the application form and submit their application outside of an application round, but the application will not be considered by the Trustees before the deadline for the next application round has passed.
3. Individuals are generally eligible to apply for an Individual Small Grant if they are in receipt of a University of Bristol Bursary. Students who are in receipt of other financial assistance may also be eligible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
4. The Trustees will allocate a proportion of the charity's annual income towards Individual Grant awards, which will be agreed annually to align with the charity's financial reporting period (1 January - 31 December). Once this allocation has been spent, it is unlikely there will be further funding available for Individual Grants until the beginning of the next financial reporting period.

5. To ensure sufficient grant funding is available to a wide group of eligible applicants, Trustees will generally award no more than £250 to an individual student in a single year.
6. When applying for an Individual Small Grant, applicants must provide information that:
 - a. enables the Trustees and/or grant assessment panel to contact the applicant, to make suitable inquiries to verify the information provided in the application, and to undertake appropriate due diligence.
 - b. sets out what type of assistance is required and what the cost is to the individual applicant;
 - c. articulates the personal development value the individual applicant would gain from their continued participation in rowing;
 - d. confirms their eligibility for financial assistance (such as a University of Bristol Bursary or equivalent).

7. Assessment of grant applications

1. Grant applications will be assessed by the Trustees. Grants will require the support of at least five Trustees to be awarded.
2. The Trustees may ask for further information from the applicant before making a decision.
3. The Trustees may consult representatives at the University of Bristol Boat Club, as well as professional University coaching staff, to inform their decisions on applications. However, the final decision on an application will be made by the Trustees only.
4. The Trustees will make every effort to make a decision on each grant application within 28 days, however applicants should be aware that the Trustees fulfil their roles voluntarily and alongside their full-time occupations and other commitments and therefore responses may on occasion be delayed beyond this timescale.
5. The Nonesuch Rowing Foundation has only limited financial resources. For that reason, the Trustees may decide to part-fund a grant application or to defer awarding funding until the Nonesuch Rowing Foundation can award such funding at a later date. The Nonesuch Rowing Foundation may also be unable to provide funding for applications that do fit the criteria and priorities above.
6. The Trustees will generally limit funds available for personal rowing kit/clothing.
7. The Trustees may provide reasons or an explanation when making a grant decision but are not under any obligation to do so.

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