

The Snowdon Trust Financial Awards Terms and Conditions

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Financial Awards Granted for Charitable Purposes

This policy lays out the aims and principles of our financial awards and the range of specific checks we make. We can only fund requests and applications that fall within the objectives of the charity.

Payment of Financial Awards

Payments will usually be made direct to your educational institution or supplier on receipt of an invoice. We will provide the information you need to share with your supplier once you have been awarded a scholarship or a grant. We will only make payment direct to you in exceptional circumstances or when this has been specified as part of your award, such as for the maintenance stipend element of the Scholarship award.

Financial Award Criteria and Priorities

The Snowdon Trust will consider all applications that fall within our charitable purposes and meet our funding criteria and, for which, the due diligence process has not identified any unacceptable issues. Awards will be made based on the funding available and solely on merit.

The number of eligible applications is likely to exceed the funding available. The Selection Panel and Trustees will use the specific criteria stated for each type of financial award to help them in making decisions on how best to allocate funding.

Applying for a Financial Award

We require submissions to be made using our application form. If the application form is not accessible, please contact us on info@snowdontrust.org or 01403 732899 to arrange an alternative submission. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Applications will not be considered if:

1. The applicant is under 16 years of age.
2. The university or institution applied to is outside the UK.
3. Any areas of the application are incomplete.
4. The application is not written in English or recorded in British Sign Language.
5. The application is received after the stated deadline. There are no exceptions for extending the deadline. Please allow time for completing and submitting your application in advance of the deadline.
6. The language in the application is inappropriate and/or offensive.
7. The person applying does not have a Disability that falls within the parameters listed in the eligibility criteria.

Duration of Financial Award

Unless otherwise agreed, all grant awards are made for the duration of one academic year. All unspent monies will be written back at the end of the year unless a specific extension has been agreed. The Master's Scholarship award covers the duration of the course, and the stipend element is paid in termly installments.

Reporting On Financial Awards

As a condition of a grant award, you are expected to provide a report within two months of the end of the academic year on how your award was used and the impact this has had. Master's Scholarship awardees are required to submit a termly report to release the next tranche of funding. The content and nature of the information to be reported will be specified according to the award you have applied for.

Your report can be submitted in your preferred format. You can send us a report of up to 2,000 words or you might prefer to report back in person, via telephone or video link. However you choose to submit, we'd like to hear about your course and your work during the year, and how your award enabled you to better complete your studies. We are keen to hear about both the positive and challenging experiences that shaped your year, and how your study experience has helped prepare you for future study and/or your future career.

If possible, your report should be accompanied by some high-quality digital images that reflect your experience. By supplying images, you agree that we may use these on our website, social media or other publicity materials.

The charity will monitor such reports to not only ensure that awards are being used for the purposes intended, but also to assess the impact the awards have made. This learning will be used to inform future decision making and policy to maximise the charity's impact.

Charity Financial Award Management

The decision-making process for each of our financial awards is specified in the overview document for each award. All eligible applications will be considered. Awards are awarded entirely at the discretion of the Selection Panel or Trustees (depending on which is applicable) and their decision is final.

Notification of Receipt of a Financial Award

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application. Successful applicants are required to confirm their acceptance of the award before funds are released.

Confirming Receipt of a Financial Award

- All applicants must confirm receipt of their award.
- A grant may only be spent for the purposes for which it was given.
- Any unused portion of a grant award is to be returned to the Snowdon Trust.
- If there is any change in your circumstances during the year of your grant award, you should notify the Snowdon Trust as soon as possible.

- All awardees are required to report back on the impact the award has had, as specified in the reporting requirements.
- As appropriate and specified in your award, any supporting evidence required, such as receipts or invoices must be provided to the charity.

Checks and Due Diligence

The charity is entitled to carry out sufficient due diligence on applications to confirm the identity of the applicant and that:

- Any funding will be applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes.
- Funds will not be knowingly used for illegal purposes, such as money laundering, bribery or financing terrorism.
- The applicant does not hold views or have any involvement in activities contrary to the charity's values and charitable purposes.

Protecting your data

We will retain the personal details you provided on your application form while your award is live. This ensures that you receive all the funding you are eligible for and means we can contact you about your award and any reports due.

We would also like to keep in touch with you after your award, to learn how your career develops, and to provide ongoing networking and career development opportunities. We would like to email you with information, updates and occasional invitations. We will only keep this data to send you information from the Snowdon Trust and will never share your information with third parties.

If you would prefer us not to keep your contact details beyond the term of your grant, please let us know and we will delete your personal data once we have received your report.