

Aims and Objectives

The Cohort Connections Fund aims to support staff and student clubs and societies to provide cohort-building activities that enhance HASS coursework students' sense of belonging and employability capabilities.

The fund can assist with organising and conducting such activities in a safe environment that adheres to government and UQ health and safety policies.

Supported Activities

We want to encourage cohorts to come together, whether that be within a program, course or student club to connect and re-build the HASS sense of community on campus and online. We can offer support for extra-curricular social and employability for groups of up to 100 people (subject to social distancing and space requirements) and funding to subsidise activity costs up to \$500.

We can:

- Provide COVID safe catering e.g. individually wrapped sandwiches or pizza
- Book an [outdoor activity space](#) with capacity of up to 100 people, equipped with seating options, games and entertainment. This space will be cleaned in line with COVID safety procedures after every activity.
- Arrange for [UQ Safety Stewards](#) to be available to encourage and promote socially distanced and safe events for larger groups.
- Promote the activity on HASS social media channels.
- Provide introductions to HASS alumni and professionals.
- Organise student volunteers to assist with the organisation of the activity e.g. collecting student registrations, taking photos, setting and packing up the activity.

Funding Exclusions

The funding cannot be used for the following activities:

- To cover any activities that are compulsory to any course
- Providing scholarships
- Providing remuneration for students or staff
- Guest speaker/ presenter fees
- Any event serving alcohol

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year until funding runs out.

The Funding Process

1. Applicant to complete the [application form](#)
2. The Student Futures team to review application and communicate outcome to the applicant
3. Applicant to organise Event/ Activity organisation with support from Student Futures team
4. Applicant to hold Event/ Activity
5. Post event payment of supplier invoice by Student Futures team / pay funds to applicant

Successful applicants will need an invoice from a supplier who offers credit card payment (secure online payment/ telephone payment). Student clubs and societies may also have the option of payment of funds via Club/Society's Paypal account (case by case basis).

6. Applicant to complete [Outcome Report](#)

In order to help us continue providing this funding and support, we ask that one week after the activity you provide a short report that outlines the number of participants and outcomes of the event.

NB: These reports and photos may be posted on the HASS website, or used in the Student Futures Annual Report.

Please note, all applications will be subject to a 3 week processing time, please allow for this when organising your event.

If you have any questions please contact us as studentfutures@hass.uq.edu.au