



The
GOLDSMITHS'
Centre

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The Goldsmiths' Centre Grants: Crafting our Future Together Funding Policy Guidelines

This document outlines the Goldsmiths' Centre's funding policy and application criteria. If you wish to pursue an application for funding, please complete an Expression of Interest form and submit this to julia.skilton@goldsmiths-centre.org. Please note that this process is mandatory, full applications will not be considered without receipt of this initial document.

Section A: What kind of projects do we support?

We look to partner and fund others who share our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and our passion to close our industry's skills gap. By working together, we want you to maximise the impact of your grant and create ripples of change.

We invite you to submit proposals that help you or others to:

- Empower marginalised groups and individuals: through the act of designing and making jewellery and/or silversmithing work.
- Collaborate with industry to share knowledge: and strengthen communal expertise and craft excellence.

To read our equity, diversity and inclusion statement to understand our charity's commitment, visit www.goldsmiths-centre.org/about-us/equity-diversity-inclusion.

Section B: Applicant Eligibility and Criteria Guidelines

All projects should meet the following specification:

- Align with the purpose of the Goldsmiths' Centre, as set out above.
- The Trustees seek applications that promote a collaborative approach that includes the work of the Centre, either directly or indirectly, through access to its resources and expertise.
- Requests should be either for a:
 - Small Grant (up to £10,000, and should be inclusive of VAT).
 - Large Grant (a minimum of £10,000 and a maximum of £20,000¹ and should be inclusive of VAT).
- It is the Trustees' policy to not fund contingency budgets so please exclude these from your application.
- Trustees will consider multi-year grants to support longer term projects, for a maximum of three years, subject to the satisfactory performance of the project each year, measured against annual KPIs.

¹ In exceptional circumstances, grants up to £40,000 will be considered if there is a strong business case.

- Trustees will consider core/unrestricted funding if there is demonstrable evidence of a long term sustainable business plan upon completion of the funding agreement.
- Once Trustees agree a grant that they will not normally consider further grants for the same project/organisation for a period of three years after approval.
- Particular consideration is given to applications that can demonstrate a “gearing²” effect around the Trustees’ contribution.
- Travel and subsistence wholly, necessarily and unavoidably incurred in the conducting of this project will be refunded against relevant receipts.
- Partner organisations must work towards meeting the Goldsmiths’ Centre’s commitment to safeguarding, sustainability and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

The Goldsmiths’ Centre welcomes applications from the following organisations:

- Organisations with a clear social purpose that are also non-profit seeking and based in the UK. These include charities or trusts (turnover of less than £5 million), community or voluntary groups, community/parish councils, Community Interest Groups, local authorities, and other public-sector organisations, such as nationally funded museums, social enterprises, education and training providers, and/or;
- UK based organisations that are promoting overseas activity where this advances UK beneficiaries.

The Goldsmiths’ Centre cannot accept applications from individuals or organisations:

- That are political or are linked to a political party, or
- Where there is potential for a conflict of interest with the Goldsmiths’ Centre or the Goldsmiths’ Company.

The Goldsmiths’ Centre does not provide funding for:

- Projects established by organisations outside of the UK.
- Applications from individuals to fund personal development, education or training except where this forms part of a wider project promoted by the petitioning organisation. Individual grants are available through the Goldsmiths’ Centre’s Individual Grants Programme, please see our website for more details.
- Grant-making organisations, or those seeking to raise funds to make onwards donations or bursaries.
- Mailshots or letters requesting donations.
- Incomplete applications. All relevant supporting documents must be submitted, or they will not be considered.

Section C: How to apply:

The first step is to complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to the Goldsmiths’ Centre to assess partnership potential, prior to a formal application. We acknowledge all Expressions of Interest on receipt and will respond within 4 weeks to discuss your proposal further. To discuss your proposal in advance of submission, please contact Julia Skilton, Grants and Engagement Manager at julia.skilton@goldsmiths-centre.org or call 020 7566 7650 for support.

² Matching of funds from other sources.