Grant regulations for student organisations

1. General framework
   • Student Life contributes to the academic development, personal growth, and wellbeing of active students.
   • Student Life contributes to Radboud University as a campus-centred university;
   • by making available spaces to accredited student organisations;
   • by facilitating student organisations in the creation of a vibrant campus (grants and support for events).
   • Student Life provides financial, material, and/or organisational support for initiatives by student organisations which stem from the Radboud University strategy (e.g. themes such as sustainability, internationalisation, wellbeing, and entrepreneurship).

2. General guidelines for financial support
   • Student Life only provides grants to accredited student organisations and organisations in the startup phase.
   • Student Life supports activities and organisations that match the abovementioned "objectives". This support is supplementary in nature, meaning that Student Life provides financial support when other options prove insufficient. The support is provided as a grant. Awarded grants are provisional in nature and only become definitive after the applicant has submitted an overview of the costs incurred. Activities and projects are organised by and for Radboud University students (potentially in collaboration with students from the HAN University of Applied Sciences).
   • Activities and projects must be accessible for and geared towards a broad target audience.
   • Activities that are funded by grants are not permitted to have commercial purposes.
   • Grants cannot be requested for organisations and/or event organisation with the aim to raise money for a good cause. These organisations can only make use of Student Life grants in case of an emergency.
   • Student Life does not provide grants for food, beverage, clothing, or printing.

3. Grants for startups, annual budgets, and occasional projects

   **Startup grant**
   A startup grant may be requested by student organisations who are not formally recognised and who want to become formally recognised student organisations. The grant can be used for the associated startup costs, including notary and bank expenses.

   **Who can apply?**
   Student organisations that are in the startup phase.

   **The necessary documents are:**
   • Application form
   • A startup plan, consisting of at least the following information:
     o Description of the target group
     o Addition to the existing offerings
     o Communication plan
     o Annual budget (including notary costs)
     o Section on sustainability 1
     o Section on diversity 2
**Funding guarantee grant for annual budget**

A funding guarantee grant for an annual budget is a grant focused on the realisation of activities that fit within these regulations. When drawing up the annual budget, the student organisation must include all key activities and separate projects/events that the student organisation anticipates in the upcoming financial year.

A funding guarantee grant for an annual budget means that the applicant will attempt to obtain all or part of the amount granted by other means. If this is not possible, Student Life will pay the part of the funding guarantee grant that could not be covered by other funds.

**Who can apply?**
- Accredited student organisations.
- Student organisations that fall under the umbrella organisations NSSR, Cultuur op de Campus, and SOFv* cannot apply for a funding guarantee grant for an annual budget via Student Life. They must follow the grant regulations of their umbrella organisation instead.
- * Student organisations that fall into the category of study associations cannot apply for a funding guarantee grant for an annual budget via Student Life.

**The necessary documents are:**
- Application form
- Policy plan, consisting of at least the following information:
  - Description of the organisation
  - Objective
  - Target group
  - Section on sustainability
  - Section on diversity
- Audited accounts for the previous financial year
- Annual budget and balance sheet (with explanatory notes)

**Deadlines:**
- The application must be submitted within 3 months after the start of the financial year.
- The grant account must be submitted within 3 months after the end of the financial year.

**Funding guarantee grant for occasional projects/events**

A funding guarantee grant for occasional projects can be requested for an activity which extends beyond the standard activities of an organisation.

A funding guarantee grant for an occasional project/event means that the applicant will attempt to obtain all or part of the amount granted by other means. If this is not possible, Student Life will pay the part of the funding guarantee grant that could not be covered by other funds.

**Who can apply?**
- Accredited student organisations.
- Student organisations that fall under the umbrella organisations NSSR, Cultuur op de Campus, and SOFv* cannot apply for a funding guarantee grant for an occasional project via Student Life. They must follow the grant regulations of their umbrella organisation instead.
- * An exception to this rule are grant applications from study associations for a necessary change to the organisation's articles of association.

**The necessary documents are:**
- Application form
- Project description, consisting of at least the following information:
  - Objective

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2 The diversity section contains considerations in the area of diversity and proposals to promote an inclusive association and/or campus. In need of some inspiration? Please contact Student Life via studentlife@ru.nl.
4. Radboud Student Fund
All recognised student organisations can apply to the Radboud Student Fund for the support of creative and innovative ideas that contribute to the development of active student life at Radboud University. The ideas must also be in keeping with themes from the Strategy (e.g. sustainability, internationalisation, wellbeing, entrepreneurship, diversity, and inclusion). A condition for this grant is that the projects must have a structural/long-term effect, even though this grant is only awarded once. The goal of this grant is to increase the impact of Radboud University objectives and to contribute to its long-term development as a vibrant campus. The Radboud Student Fund encourages student organisations to actively contribute to a vibrant campus and in turn, facilitates initiatives that do not fall under the other grants. More information about the Radboud Student Fund and the application procedure can be found on the website.

5. Application procedure for grants and loans
- Requests that are submitted at least ten working days before the next meeting are discussed in that meeting.
- Within ten working days after the meeting, the applicant will receive a message about the decision that has been made.
- The meeting schedule can be found on the website.

6. Assessment of grant applications
Student Life will assess applications on the basis of, among other things:
- Quality: incomplete and/or inaccurate applications will not be considered;
- Previous results, in terms of both programme content and finances;
- Objectives;
- Organisational approach;
- Communication plan;
- Sustainability; 1
- Diversity and Inclusion; 2
- Budget and costs eligible for grant funding;
- Potential for and efforts made to generate income;
- The student organisation’s own assets.

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7. Advance payment and grant account

Advance
The organisation receives an advance of 75% of the grant amount for an occasional project or event. In the event of an annual budget grant, 50% of the awarded amount is paid to the organisation immediately after it has been awarded.

Grant account
The final grant amount will be determined after the grant account has been assessed. The grant becomes definitive once the grant report and grant account, including supplementary information, has been assessed.

8. Decision-making and objection
The decision is made at the internal Student Life meeting and is determined based on these regulations. If the applicant does not agree with the decision, an objection can be submitted within six weeks of the date of the decision via klachtenloket@bjz.ru.nl.

In instances not addressed by these regulations, Student Life use its own discretion but maintains the spirit of these regulations as much as possible.