



2024 LORNA STIRLING FUND

GUIDELINES

Lorna Stirling was a Music Director in the Melbourne University Drama Club in the 1940s. On her death in 1956 she bequeathed funds to the University for the purpose of promoting international student relationships through the creation of scholarships for the exchange of students between the University of Melbourne and other universities (University Trust Record — UTR7.92).

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1** The Committee invites applications for funds for any of the following purposes:
- to assist the exchange of students between the University and universities or like institutions in other countries; or
 - for exchange scholarships; or
 - travelling scholarships; or
 - to support international meetings of students in which students or student organisations and the University have an interest.
- 1.2** Grants will not be given to students who wish to travel overseas to carry out private research work or training that will form part of their degree.
- 1.3** Students who give presentations relating to their own study at academic conferences are unlikely to be funded.
- 1.4** Applications must meet the requirements in section 1.1 as well as provide the following:
- The applicant must demonstrate previous and real interest in participating in matters which affect/benefit students' interests. Hence the application must include a **signed letter of support** from a relevant student organisation (such as UMSU or faculty/department-based group) indicating the project's value to the wider student community;
 - Explain whether the project would be able to go ahead if no grant were available;
 - Explain how the project is relevant to the interests of the wider student community at the University of Melbourne; and/or
 - Explain how the project will enable mutual understanding to be established between students at the University of Melbourne and international universities.
- 1.5** Where there is strong competition for grants from students wishing to attend international student meetings, preference will be given to official student representatives at this University.

- 1.6 Students must be enrolled at the University of Melbourne at the time of application and for the period of the proposed exchange or project.
- 1.7 Funding is not awarded retrospectively. The period of award will be 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. The project must be undertaken within the award period.
- 1.8 Grants will not be awarded to previous winners.

2. GENERAL ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

- 2.1 The Committee distributes a total of approximately \$6,000 each year for the Lorna Stirling scholarships. Since the annual income of the Fund is small, only limited support can be given to student organisations to help defray the costs of running student conferences.
- 2.2 Successful applicants are required to provide a detailed report on the outcome and benefits of the project within six weeks of its completion. The report must account for expenditure of funds and explain how recipients used and disseminated the information gained from their project when they returned. Selected successful applicants may be requested to orally present their report to the Committee at the next annual meeting.
Please note that any unused funding must be returned to the Fund.
- 2.3 The Scholarship may be suspended or stopped, or you may be required to return the funding, if you do not comply with the conditions of your Scholarship.
- 2.4 The Lorna Stirling Fund Committee meets annually to consider applications and award the scholarships. Applicants will be advised of the outcome via email.

CLOSING DATE
5.00 pm
Tuesday, 7 May 2024