

University of Salford Students' Union

Student Activity Group Budget Application Request

Please read the attached guidelines before completing this application form. Please try to complete and submit this application electronically in the interest of the environment. If necessary the range of the text boxes and costing tables can be edited to fit content.

1. Name of Student Activity Group

Salford University Boat Club

2. Membership

Membership Charge

£20

Estimated No. of Members

50

3. Values

Which Students' Union Values does this student activity group meet? ([click here to view the USSU Strategic Plan](#))

Quality

Salford University Boat Club (SUBC) is a well organized and professionally run club, full of driven members who are committed to see the club develop and become even bigger and better over the next few years. We are member focused and believe we offer excellent value for money to those who wish to be fully involved in the club as there is usually some kind of training and/or activity happening everyday! We provide a high quality experience with a well structured training plan, top level coaching and the opportunity to enter a variety of races across the country. It was only towards the end of last year that we were able to obtain quality coaching and we saw real success in a short space of time. This really does highlight the commitment and passion of every member in the club to be the best that we can be. We are extremely relevant to all types of students at the University as we are able to achieve the balance between work, training and of course having a social life! We are also extremely committed to keeping all of our members safe. Before anyone can go on the water, they have to complete a 50m swim test to ensure their competency in case of an emergency. A safety launch accompanies every outing on the water, which can provide assistance quickly should the situation arise. To ensure that our members do not obtain any long standing injuries, we are able to offer the services of a fully qualified volunteer Physio, who is able to treat any member of the club when necessary.

Fun

Although SUBC is fully committed to being a top quality competitive club and achieving excellent results in all the races it enters, we also pride ourselves on our friendly nature and how well we all get on as a whole team. As a group of people who spend a great deal of time together, inevitably important and real friendships are developed and for many members our club is their 'life' outside of studying. Being involved in an activity outside of your studies does involve a lot of effort and therefore we want to make it as fun as possible for everyone who chooses to commit their time to the club.

Partnership

SUBC has effective working relationships both with the University and Agecroft Rowing Club. The annual Two Cities Boat Race, a large Varsity event against the University of Manchester, provides us with a unique opportunity of working with the University, something which currently no other club has.

We work closely with the University in the planning and development of the event and we believe the relationship has been extremely successful. The fact that they have invested such a lot into the event over the years, and use as it a networking and showcase event, only shows how happy they are working with us and the potential they see in our development.

We are able to row out of the excellent facilities provided by Agecroft Rowing Club's Boat House at Salford Quays, and although our working relationship has not always been the easiest, over the last few years we have been doing all we can to work alongside them and to develop the relationship, as members of the wider community, into a much more successful one.

Diversity

SUBC is committed to being an inclusive and welcoming club; indeed we pride ourselves on it! Every single member is valued and integrated in the club; there are no divisions between men/women, senior/novice etc, in fact it is one aspect that many external people who have worked with us have commented on. Our current membership currently includes post graduate students, mature students, alumni and of course your 'typical' undergraduate student too! Over the last few years we have also had the privilege of being joined by a number of International students studying at the University for either just a semester or indeed an entire year. As a club we will actively encourage recruitment from the entire spectrum of the student population and we know that keeping our membership diverse only adds to the depth and breadth of our squad.

4. Income and Expenditure***Estimated Income***

This is the amount of funding you are expecting next year from other sources. You must also include an estimated membership income.

Item	Description	Income
Membership	Annual joining fee for every member	£1000
Boat Race Payment	University contribution to the club for taking part in Two Cities Boat Race	£1000
Total Income		£2000

Estimated Expenditure*Welcome Week Costs*

Item	Description	Expenditure
Printing	Leaflets for distribution at Activities Fair	£12
Sweets	Recruitment tool for Activities Fair	£18
Balloons	Decoration of stand at Activities Fair	£8
		£
		£
Total Expenditure		£38

Transport Costs

Item	Description	Expenditure
Van Hire	Cost to hire van to tow boats to every race	£720
Van Fuel	Cost to tow boats to every race	£1,015
Minibus Hire	Cost to hire minibus to transport members to necessary races	£1,080
Minibus Fuel	Cost to transport members to necessary races	£520
Car Fuel	For travel to any necessary ARA/North West Rowing Council meetings and training/seminars	£100
Total Expenditure		£3,435

Competition Costs

Item	Description	Expenditure
		£0
Total Expenditure		£0

Event/Trip/Outing Costs

Item	Description	Expenditure
		£0
Total Expenditure		£0

Equipment Costs

Item	Description	Expenditure
Safety Boat Fuel	Fuel for the power boat which is a compulsory requirement for every training session taking place on the water	£250
Total Expenditure		£250

Administration Costs

Item	Description	Expenditure
		£0
Total Expenditure		£0

Miscellaneous Costs

Item	Description	Expenditure
Annual awards	Cost of trophies/prizes for both Christmas and End of Year awards	£120
Website Creation	Final payment for build of club website	£100
Agecroft Gym Fees	Payment due to Agecroft Rowing Club for the use of their gym for new members October-December	£1,125
Agecroft Gym Fees	Payment outstanding for use of Agecroft gym, April and May 2008	£225
Contingency	Surplus funds for expenditure which cannot be planned for, such as accidents and equipment failure	£300
Total Expenditure		£1,870

5. Total Budget Request Summary

Category	Total Cost
Welcome Week	£38
Transport	£3,435
Competition	£0
Event/Trip Outing	£0
Equipment	£250
Administration	£0
Miscellaneous	£1,870
Total Budget Request	£5,593

6. Supporting Information

Please explain how the allocation of this budget will enhance Students' lives?

Studying at University is not just about leaving with a degree. Of course, it is the main reason why students go to University, but it should not be the only outcome. Being part of a club or society whilst at University massively enhances students' lives and SUBC makes a positive impact on the student experience.

When members are involved in our club, they become fully immersed in student life. Students at Salford University can sometimes struggle to have that sense of identity and association with the institution because of the large geographical spread of the campus and accommodation and the lack of real student community. Clubs like SUBC play a big role in student retention, especially in that all important first year as they provide a community in which to engage and we offer the opportunity to represent the University across the country which can help to reinforce their University identity. The fact that we represent the University at a number of major rowing events can only improve the reputation, knowledge and indeed the attraction of the University to outsiders who perhaps didn't even know that Salford has a University! Our improved competitiveness within the sport can only enhance the growing reputation both for ourselves and the University as a whole. We are extremely proud of that fact that we are often complimented by other clubs when we attend races for the positive, sporting and friendly atmosphere which we bring. An enhanced reputation coupled with high levels of student retention can only mean good things for the University as a whole which will enhance students' lives in the long term.

The majority of our new members have never rowed before so we are able to offer them top quality coaching and encouragement whilst they learn and perfect a brand new sporting skill. This goes side by side with fitness training and nutritional advice which is promoting a healthy lifestyle, proven to enhance lives! However, being part of a sports club does not only help you to acquire new sporting skills, it also allows you to develop a number of qualities, many of which are extremely important to employers. SUBC gives members the opportunities to develop their skills in time management, leadership, organization, team work, communication, social skills and of course commitment.

To conclude, here are a couple of quotes from previous members and they more than highlight how we as club are completely committed to enhancing student lives whilst they are at the University of Salford.

"Joining SUBC was the best decision I made during my time at The University of Salford. The lessons I learned about teamwork and the friendships that I made will remain important to me for the rest of my life."

Amanda Stewart, University of Toledo, USA (SUBC Member for the academic year 2007-2008)

“Joining SUBC was the best thing I could do during my exchange semester. SUBC made me feel at home and I never had the thought of going back home earlier, right the opposite, I even wanted to stay! Everybody at SUBC gave me a hand finding my way around the University and in the Greater Manchester area. I can say that I found great friends during my time abroad. Besides the social aspect, SUBC also introduced me to a new sport. Having in mind that the committee and coaching was done by the team captains and I am impressed by the effort and time they put in to the club to keep it going.”

Javier Mendieta, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland (SUBC Member September 2008 – January 2009)