

Decolonising SOAS Engagement and Outreach Grant

SOAS is committed to supporting ongoing conversations about the past, present and future significance of imperialism and colonialism. Decolonising SOAS recognises that much of this activism, labour and knowledge production is already being carried out by groups in London, outside of the university and aims to support such activity through our outreach grant. The Decolonising SOAS Engagement and Outreach Grant will provide targeted funding to grassroots groups and campaigns doing decolonial work, broadly conceived. The aim of the grant is to provide under-resourced groups with project funding, institutional support and a platform to pursue their aims. This could include access to resources such as meeting rooms on campus and by arrangement the SOAS library.

Eligibility

Groups and organisations that address the past, present and future significance of imperialism and colonialism through activities such as campaigns, events, workshops, research, community organising and advocacy.

The Grant encourages applications from groups that may be overlooked by other funders or that are under resourced. The grant is for UK based projects but will prioritise groups that engage with issues pertaining to colonised or formerly colonised societies and peoples, through activities such as campaigns, events, workshops, research, community organising, protests. The outreach grant is not for social enterprises or any other for-profit organisation. The grant only funds organisations and groups, not individuals.

We are only able to fund specified project expenses (e.g. travel, accommodation, technical support, materials) rather than compensation for personal time. We may also be able to offer use of space at SOAS for events and meetings. We can only fund activities that comply with the SOAS [expenses policy](#). The Grant will prioritise projects/ groups that best match the Decolonising SOAS vision and the SOAS code of conduct. Decolonising SOAS does not fund or support projects that support, incite or promote violence or oppression nor fund or facilitate law-breaking. All spending must be carried out and claimed by 5th July 2020.

The maximum amount for a single bid is £4000, although smaller bids will have a higher likelihood of success.

Required information

When submitting a bid you will need to provide the following information:

- *Organisation Details:* a description of your group/ organisation/ campaign including total annual income
- *Project Plan:* an expression of what you plan to do and who will benefit from it, including the length of the project; how much funding you need to do it and how you plan to use the funds.
- *Budget:* submit a budget for your project that clearly demonstrates *in detail* how you will spend the funds.
- *Short statement of relevance to decolonisation agenda:* up to 200 words saying how the work relates to questions of decolonisation.

Support for applicants

If you would like to be assisted with your applicant due to any language barriers please let us know and we can assign someone from SOAS to help. For all other queries about whether your project or organisation would be suitable or about expenses, please reach out to Working Group chair Meera Sabaratnam at ms140@soas.ac.uk who will be able to advise.

Key deadlines/ dates

Applications for the 2019-2020 round must be made on the attached form and received by 23.59, February 9th 2020 to the email address decolonisation@soas.ac.uk.

Following this deadline a review panel drawn from members of Decolonising SOAS will collectively review bids. Successful and unsuccessful candidates will be informed by 2nd March. Spending must take place by 5th July 2020. It can either be done as reimbursement for expenses already incurred (with full receipts), or through direct purchase / supply through SOAS (e.g. we can book travel for you).

How do I apply?

Fill in the application form and return this to decolonisation@soas.ac.uk with the heading “Application for Engagement and Outreach Grant” by 23.59, February 9th 2020. Please also email this address if you have any questions about the grant and we will try to get back to you as soon as we can.

Reporting requirements

If successful, your group and project description will be listed on the Decolonising SOAS blog to ensure transparency and accountability to the wider project of Decolonising SOAS. We will also ask for a final report in the form of a blog post following the completion of your project.

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Application Form

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- *Organisation Details*: a description of your group/ organisation/ campaign including total annual income (max 200 words)

- *Project Plan*: an expression of what you plan to do and who will benefit from it, including the length of the project; how much funding you need to do it and how you plan to use the funds. (max 400 words)

- *Budget:* submit a budget for your project that clearly demonstrates *in detail* how you will spend the funds. Maximum request: £4

000 (smaller requests will have a higher likelihood of success)

- *Short statement of relevance to decolonisation agenda:* up to 200 words saying how the work relates to questions of decolonisation.