

SOS Emergency Grant

Overview

The UWA SOS Emergency Grant provides help to students whose ability to participate in higher education is impacted by severe financial restraints. Grants of between \$200 and \$1500 are available to eligible students with the purpose of providing once-off financial assistance.

Money provided through this fund is expected to be used for legitimate purposes associated with academic study at UWA. Spending may include the purchase of books, materials and essential equipment, accommodation, transport and other crucial study related expenses. This money cannot be used to pay any University fees. Grants are only accessible when funds are available.

To be eligible for a grant, you must be:

- currently enrolled onshore at the University of Western Australia
- at risk of discontinuing your studies
- able to demonstrate severe financial hardship
- able to confirm you have exhausted all other avenues of financial assistance (Centrelink, UWA Student Guild, savings, etc.).

Applications should be submitted to sos-support@uwa.edu.au and will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the:

- Manager, Student Incident and Support
- Manager, Student Equity
- Coordinator, International Sponsorship

Application submission requirements

- Completed application form.
- Bank account statements, covering the last 90 days (must submit **all** bank accounts, including credit cards and loans).
- Last Tax Assessment Notice.
- Income Statement, if in receipt of Centrelink assistance.
- Any additional documentation you feel may support your application.

Data collection and reporting

The information collected for each application will remain confidential. Any information collected will be used solely for the purpose of assessing applications and evaluating the success of the SOS fund.

Applicant appeals process

Applicants refused support have the right of appeal. An appeal is required to be made in writing, within five days of the decision, to the Associate Director, Success and Wellbeing.

Wherever possible, appeals will be heard within ten working days of receipt of the appeal. Decisions will be made within three working days. The decision of the Associate Director, Success and Wellbeing is final.

Amount	Determined based on level of financial hardship in conjunction with reasons for requesting funds
\$200 - \$500	Low
\$500 - \$750	Medium
\$750 - \$1250	High
\$1250 - \$1500	Extreme