

Legacies of Enslavement: Small Grants Funding Applicant Guidelines

Application deadline: 27 February 2026

The Legacies of Enslavement Initiative offers funding awards of up to £5,000 to support small-scale projects and activities that advance the aims of the Initiative. Applications are welcome from individuals or groups across the University undertaking work that contributes to research, engagement, or understanding in this area.

These guidelines outline eligibility, eligible costs, financial processes and reporting requirements for applicants.

Submitting your application

All applications must be completed and submitted online.

Please complete the [Legacies of Enslavement funding application form](#)

Eligibility

- Anyone within the University is welcome to apply, including staff and students.
- Applicants must have a link with the University (e.g. a contract or be in a course of study) for the duration of the period of funding.)
- Applicants must seek approval from their proposed host faculty or department before applying.
- Staff applying from a college or independent institution must indicate their affiliated faculty or department in the application.
- Community partners are very welcome to collaborate on projects but cannot apply directly. All funding must be administered through a host faculty or department within the University.
- All proposals must clearly contribute to the aims of the Special Initiative. This could include:
 - raising awareness of the legacies of enslavement
 - promoting dialogue and reflection
 - creating opportunities for research, learning, collaboration or community engagement

What we can fund

Funding may support direct project or event costs, including:

Project-related costs

- Small research expenses (e.g., archival access, digitisation costs)
- Materials and consumables
- Fieldwork or data-collection expenses

Event-related costs

- Venue hire for events, workshops, seminars, or exhibitions
- Reasonable catering costs for public engagement activities

- Audio-visual equipment and technical support
- Marketing and publicity (e.g., design, printing, digital promotion)

Travel (subject to University travel guidelines)

- Travel for project leads or team members
- Travel for speakers, chairs, or facilitators
- Event participant travel is not normally covered, except where:
 - The event is a public engagement activity, and
 - Travel costs would otherwise prevent participation

What we cannot fund

- Salary costs or direct personal support for applicants, will not normally be funded, although some exceptions – e.g for occasional research assistance or event support may be possible. Please consult with the Legacies of Enslavement team.
- Publication and open access costs
- Costs not compliant with University financial procedures

Financial administration

- Awards will be transferred to the relevant host faculty or department.
- All expenditure must follow standard University financial procedures.
- Any overspend must be covered by the host faculty or department.
- Any unspent award will be journalled back to the Initiative.

Reporting requirements

- All recipients must submit a short evaluation report using the provided template. This report summarises your project's objectives, outcomes, impact, and expenditure, and may be used to develop blog posts or other public-facing content for the Legacies of Enslavement website.