

Sports Funding support at Fitzwilliam College: Guidance Notes

Thanks to the generosity of alumni of the College and other donors, the College is able to make financial awards to assist Fitzwilliam College students, both undergraduate and graduate, with the cost of participating in a wide range of sports.

The **Paul Day Sports Fund** was established in 2013 with a donation from Paul Day (matriculated 1977, Mathematics) who played table tennis for England while he was an undergraduate. The Fund shall be used to support junior members of the College, playing sport at the highest levels, who require financial assistance to take advantage of sporting opportunities.

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Applications will be considered at the termly meetings of the JMA Executive Trustees Committee, the dates of which appear on the College Calendar <http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/events/college-committees>. Each application will be considered for support from both Paul Day and Sports Support funds.

One application per year: In order to manage the awards fairly and efficiently, the Executive Trustees will ordinarily consider making only 1 award to any individual in any year. If, after receiving an award, you wish to apply again later in the same academic year, you must justify why a second award should be considered. First-time applicants will be still given priority. Therefore, if you are unsure of your activities through the year, it may be best to wait until Lent or Easter term to apply.

Is my sport supported? Probably. Try us! In the past awards have been made to support archery, dancesport, orienteering, pentathlon, polo, powerlifting, and trampoline in addition to athletics, basketball, boxing, cricket, football, handball, hockey, lacrosse, netball, rowing, rugby, squash, table tennis, and more. Please note that competitive sport is given priority; there are not sufficient funds to support everyone's recreation or fitness activities.

Partial support: Please bear in mind that it is not possible to fully fund any one person's expenses (except in cases of very small expenditure).

Supported expenditure: In looking at what expenses applicants incur, the Executive Trustees hope the awards will help cover fees (entry fees, subscription fees, etc.) and contribute towards mandatory kit such as University team clothing, protective gear, or necessary items like racquets or sticks. Applicants should feel free to list costs associated with travel, but these cannot always be supported. Gym memberships, physiotherapy, food, and rent will not normally be considered when making awards.

College teams: College teams are typically supported with a grant from the Junior Members' Association (JMA), either directly or through the Fitzwilliam College Amalgamated Clubs (FCAC). These funds should support fees and kit necessary to participate in intercollegiate competition. In the first instance, the club captain should contact the President of Clubs and Societies to discuss support via this route. The next step would be to contact the Senior Treasurer of FCAC (currently Dr Wingate). The Sports Support Fund can support awards to College teams, e.g. to subsidize some personal team clothing or a tour, but it will not be used to fund individuals participating in College team sports.

Financial hardship: The Executive Trustees are not in a position to assess an applicant's financial need, therefore financial hardship cannot be considered by them when making awards. If financial support is needed in order to participate in sport, then this should be discussed with one's tutor with a view to applying for a Student Opportunities award.

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