



United Kingdom and Eire Council for Malaysian Students

Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar Malaysia di United Kingdom dan Eire

UKEC Fund FAQ Guidebook

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Q1: Is funding guaranteed once we apply?

No, funding isn't guaranteed. The UKEC Fund is need-based and performance-driven, so each application is assessed case-by-case depending on your event's scale, financial need, and alignment with UKEC values. UKEC operates with a limited pool of funds — so priority is given to smaller or underfunded MSocs and events with strong cultural or intellectual merit.

Q2: We're a large MSoc with high costs — why might we receive less funding than a smaller MSoc?

The Fund is designed to promote equity, not equality. Larger MSocs tend to have better access to sponsorships or ticket revenue, so the UKEC Fund's base funding prioritises MSocs that have limited financial access. That said, you can still increase your allocation through the merit-based bonus by fulfilling criteria such as collaboration, strong governance, and inclusive programming.

Q3: What's the purpose of the Merit-Based Bonus?

It's UKEC's way of rewarding good practices — for example, if your MSoc submits reports on time, uses UKEC templates, and runs inclusive or strategic events. Each fulfilled criterion adds 5% to your fund, capped at 15%. It encourages accountability and aligns with the UKEC's constitutional values.

Q4: If we don't meet all six merit criteria, will it hurt our chances of getting base funding?

Not at all. The base fund is independent of the merit bonus. The bonus is extra funding, not a penalty. You'll still be assessed fairly on your financial need and event viability. Merit just gives you a way to scale up your support.

Q5: What happens if we run a deficit even after the fund?

The fund is designed to help you reach break-even, but not to generate surplus. If you're still in deficit, UKEC offers help through evaluation on a case-by-case basis under the Emergency & Strategic Reserve. This reserve exists to provide a financial safety net for MSocs facing unexpected challenges – for example, sudden venue cancellations, or external factors such as weather disruptions that affect the event.

Approval is not automatic – MSocs must provide clear justification, supporting receipts, and transparent reporting. The reserve is limited and prioritises events that are high-impact, inclusive, or strategically important for the mechanism that safeguards fairness while still offering flexibility for societies in genuine need.

Q6: Can we transfer the funds to a personal account or use it for unrelated expenses?

No — all funds must go to your official MSoc bank account, and must be used strictly for the event purposes outlined in your proposal. Any discrepancies may affect future funding eligibility. UKEC is non-negotiable when it comes to governance and traceability.

Q7: When should we submit post-event reports?

Within 14 days after your event. Timely submission, using the standard template, is a merit criterion — so you can earn bonus funding if done properly. Reports help assess impact, accountability, and funding efficiency.

Q8: Can we apply if our event has already passed?

Unfortunately, retrospective applications are not supported unless pre-approved under special circumstances. It's best to submit your application at least 2–4 weeks before your event, so ample time is given for UKEC to thoroughly review, advise, and support accordingly.

Q9: How long will the fund review process take?

UKEC aims to review submissions within 10 working days, provided all documents are complete and submitted on time. UKEC would communicate directly with you if anything's missing.

Q10: What type of events are most likely to be supported?

UKEC supports a wide range of events — from Malaysian Nights to intellectual forums, cultural showcases, and even new initiatives. Events that are inclusive, value-aligned, collaborative, and accessible to the community tend to receive stronger consideration.