

RAISE Research Fund: Guidance & Eligibility

Funds Available

Up to £500 per project to be paid via a single invoice to a UK Higher Education Institution or associate Students' Union.

The number of projects to be funded will be agreed by the RAISE Treasurer in each funding year, and funding decisions taken accordingly.

Theme/ focus

Our theme for 2026-27 is **Advancing Student Engagement**. Projects should, wherever possible:

1. Support scholarly activities such as research, evaluating practice, discussions or sharing of ideas (i.e. advance the student engagement evidence base or production of an artefact to be shared on the RAISE website)
2. Align to the Mission and Principles of RAISE
3. Follow the principles of engaging students (where applicable)
4. Be collaborative across an institution or between separate providers
5. Include a short, written report that can be published on the RAISE website.

Timeline

- Applications (via [RAISE Research Fund 2026-27](#) – Fill out form) will open from September 30th 2026.
- Applications close midday Friday November 6th, 2026.
- Outcomes will be communicated by December 4th 2026
- First payments planned for January 2027.
- Latest possible payment at the end of July 2027.
- Project findings must be received by RAISE by 27th August 2027.
- Further dissemination e.g. at our annual RAISE conference is encouraged.

Eligibility criteria

We welcome applications from independent scholars and those based in Higher Education and related organisations, however we require one member of the group to be a current staff member at a UK Higher Education institution where the fund will be paid.

Funds to be spent in UK only. Applicants from outside the UK are welcome to discuss the feasibility of their project before application.

Funding will be paid following a grant letter and subsequent invoice direct to a university or students' union. A breakdown of forecasted spend should be included in your bid and RAISE may request a breakdown of spend during/following the project.

Overheads, conference attendance, events or artifacts that do not contribute to the evidence base will also not be eligible for the fund.

RAISE Committee Members may apply for funding and will excuse themselves from any decisions.

Further information

Please contact Admin@raise-network.com if you have any questions about the research fund.