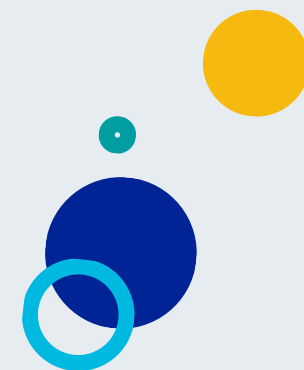# Sustainability Projects Fund – Guide 2024-25

Background

- Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) is a prize fund to support staff or student-led projects to enhance sustainability on campus

- Funded by a 20p 'levy' placed on single-use disposable coffee cups sold at King's College London catering outlets.

- Run jointly by King's Food and King's Climate & Sustainability teams.

Aims

- Contribute to the holistic advancement of environmental, social and economic sustainability at King's.

- Open to all students and staff to improve engagement of the King's community with sustainability issues.

- Students and staff are invited to submit an application for one or more of the categories in the next slides but are <u>not restricted</u> to these categories.
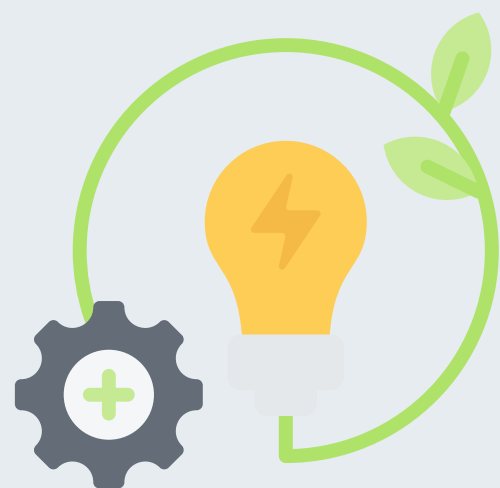
Categories

Sustainable food and travel

Waste reduction & promotion of circular economy

Carbon & energy management

Biodiversity

Categories

Water use reduction

Sustainability education and awareness

Sustainable and ethical procurement

Community engagement

Timeline and eligiblity

Access up to £5,000 in funding for your sustainability project!

- Small projects (under £500) - reviewed on a rolling basis. Applications can be submitted throughout the year and will be reviewed within 4 weeks.

- Large projects (up to £5,000) - submit by 19 January 2025. You will be invited to pitch to a panel.

- King's students, professional services staff, academics, and KCLSU staff can apply. Alumni can apply if their projects target King's campus.
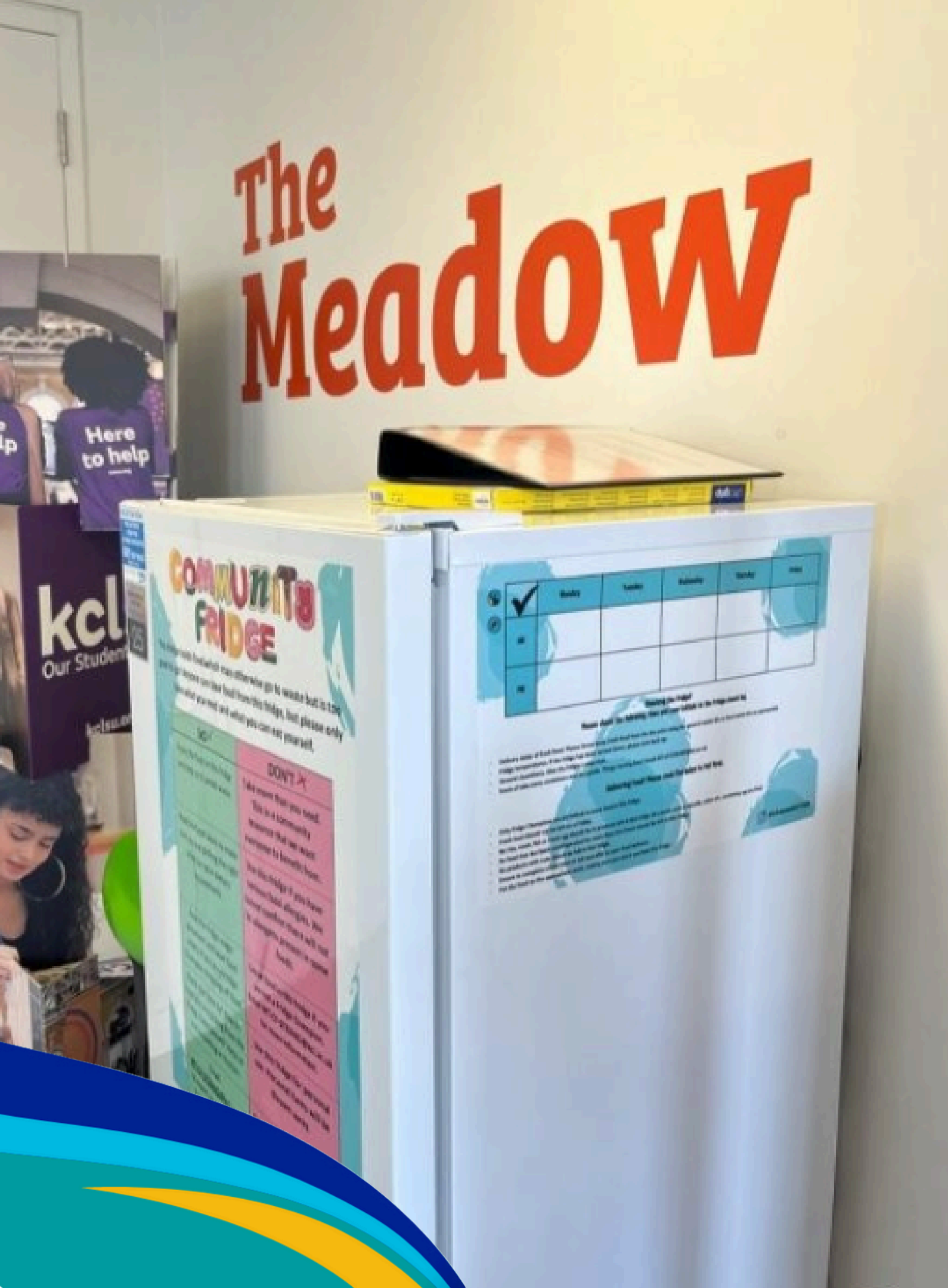
- Click here to find out more!

Timeline and eligiblity (projects with >£500)

Applications open (>£500): 4 November

Review panels: Early February

Application deadline: 24 January

Deadline to use funds: 31 July 2026

Case study – Community Fridge

- A community fridge in Bush House South East Wing for students.

- Food is sourced from Student Experience events where wastage would otherwise occur.

- Acts as a community resource, responding to the cost-of-living crisis and huge amount of food wastage on campus.

Examples & past applications

[Find out more information on past successful applications](#)

King's Climate & Sustainability
King's Food

Sustainability Projects Fund
Past successful applications

Case study – Slow travel

- Addresses the current financial barriers associated with train travel from London to various destinations across Europe for conference attendance.

- This initiative aims to support individuals by providing funding to make train travel more feasible and sustainable

Case study – Increasing biodiversity

- Using tea, coffee and food waste to compost, established a small communal garden that grows food and flowers suitable for pollinators such as bees.

- Transformed the Department's bare balcony into a small garden accessible to all staff and visitors.

Example project ideas – Behaviour change campaign (e.g. on energy, food, waste, travel)

This could consist of:
1. Communications;
2. Distribution of educational material; and
3. Monitoring

Please note - KCS will be running a waste & circular economy campaign and travel campaign in 2024-25 that you could consider tying into.
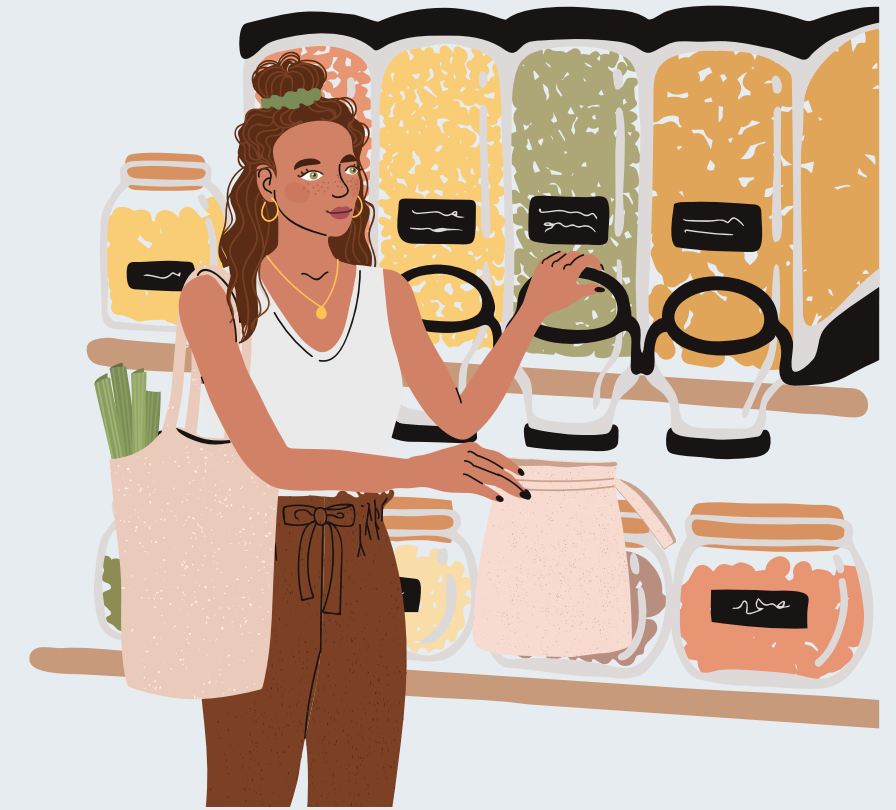
Funding needs - Communication and educational materials, workshops, events

Zero waste shop / pop-up on campus

Encourage the use of packaging-free shopping

Funding needs - Venue, materials, purchases, stock

Interactive travel map

Develop an interactive travel map that shows low-carbon routes to frequent destinations from King's

Funding needs - Research assistant, tool, IT support

Slow travel fund

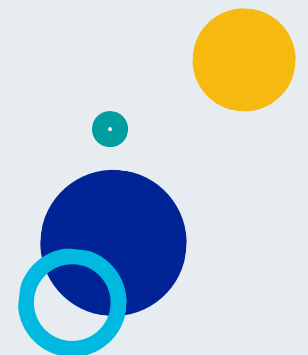Set up a slow travel fund in your department / group to support low-carbon travel

This could function as a pilot for wider roll-out across the university.

Funding needs - Communication and educational materials, workshops, events

Other logistics

- Review 'funding exclusions' and 'evaluation criteria and tips' to ensure you can justify your project in all areas. This guidance document will be published by the end of October 2024.

- Carefully review the examples of successful past submissions (can be found on the website).

- Send the completed application form to SPF@kcl.ac.uk (or reach out in case of any queries!)

Relevant links

Past successful applications:
https://www.kcl.ac.uk/assets/sustainability/pdf/spf-previous-applications.pdf

Guidance for 2024-25

Webpage with more information:
https://www.kcl.ac.uk/climate-sustainability/get-involved/sustainability-projects-fund