

Strong Women Fund



MU Sport is committed to providing fair and equitable opportunities for women to participate and excel in sport across all University sports clubs. We invite your club to consider an application to the Strong Women Fund to support gender equity across one or more of these important aspects of participation:

- 1. Coaching:** Clubs can nominate up to two women club members to participate in an accredited, sport-specific coach education course. Applicants can either apply as new coaches who will undergo Level 1 accreditation or existing coaches who want to extend their current coaching licenses. Applicants must indicate a commitment to coaching at their Melbourne University sporting club upon completion of the course. Up to \$250 per person.
- 2. Equipment:** Clubs must demonstrate how the purchase of new equipment will enhance performance, participation, retention or recruitment of women athletes. Up to \$750/ club.
- 3. Introductory or Modified Sports:** Development and delivery of a women's-only introductory or modified sports program for **University of Melbourne students:** Up to \$500/ club

Strong Women Fund applications will be evaluated by MUS based on the following criteria:

- Application demonstrates how funds will positively impact women's participation and/or retention, performance or leadership at your club
- Application demonstrates how the club will benefit from increased women's participation, performance and/or leadership
- Application describes who are the beneficiaries of funds. For example, coaches, athletes, program participants, women with disabilities, international students, etc
- Application Specifies details. E.g., type of coaching course, affiliated organisation, level of accreditation, cost, when program will take place, expected number of participants, equipment type, etc

How to submit your application:

- Please do not exceed a 500 word limit
- To submit your application, please attach your written submission to an email, with subject: STRONG WOMEN FUND APPLICATION to bridgid.junot@unimelb.edu.au

Things to Consider:

- Preference will be given to clubs that demonstrate relevance to **University of Melbourne student engagement**
- Successful applicants will be expected to provide a brief overview to MU Sport about use of funds, major outcomes and benefits to club within 12 months of receipt.
- SW funding is limited to a pre-determined and budgeted amount each year. Funding remains available throughout the year or until the total funding allocation has been exhausted.

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