**PPLS Student Initiative Fund**

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You can apply for funding towards an event or initiative that will benefit your student community, including public engagement: schools, community groups, charities etc. Your event could be for an in person or online event, meet up, or digital project. If you have secured funding from elsewhere, you can also apply for match funding.

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| **Degree programme and year of study (e.g. 1st year, 2nd year)** | PhD student 2nd year |
| **Title of proposal** | Psycholinguistics Conference |
| **Project proposal** | We have a planned an event aimed for PGT/ERC people working in Psycholinguistics in the UK.  In order to gather information about interest and what would be useful for our target audience, we distributed a survey via those signed up in the Psycholinguistics Coffee mailing list, by emailing head of schools/programme directors of different universities in the north of England and Scotland, and on Twitter.  By the 8th of June, we have collected around 29 responses (complete answers = 20). Most of the interest comes from PhD students in the last years of their studies, and ECR (3 years from submission). Most respondents said they would like to attend this event (16), with a preference to attend in person here in Edinburgh (11).  We gave our respondents an idea of what we wanted the event to look like. Specially, we suggested a two-day event over a weekend that would include poster sessions, talks by researchers, workshops, and social activities.  Most respondents said they would prefer attending the event for two days (13) in-person. 11 respondents reported being interested in presenting their research in a poster session (certain = 11, maybe = 8). Our respondents also reported interest in the talks, with 8 answers suggesting talks by ECR and 7 by senior researchers. 4 respondents reported being interested in delivering a workshop, while 12 respondents said they might be interested in delivering a workshop. Finally, our respondents’ answers included a series of suggestions for social events.  Given these responses, we feel that the best option is to run a **two-day event in person**, but with the option to stream it for those who cannot attend in person. We expect to have around **48 attendees** (accounting for people who started the survey but did not finish it, assuming people who did not get the survey, and including members of the department who did not fill in the survey but showed interest elsewhere). 48 attendees is the maximum capacity of the room we would book with a cabaret set-up, which is ideal for the purposes of our conference (i.e., workshops, talks).  The event program would look at follows:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | DAY 1 | DAY 2 | | Workshop (student-led) | Workshop (student-led) | | Talk | Talk | | Lunch break | Lunch break | | Poster session | Round table | | Round table | Closure event (social) | | Social event |  | |
| **Itemised budget** | We would need:   * Funding for room booking and catering for 40 people at The Prestonfield room at Pollock Halls (48\*33£ = £**1584**). * Funding for printing posters (15 posters: 15\*5£=£**60)** * Funding for one social event (social event: pizza&pub-quiz: £240 & closure social event: guided tour £50 = £**290)** * Invited speaker (1 night stay for 4 invited speakers = £**400**) |
| **Total amount of funding requested (£)** | £2334 |
| **Indication of dates for proposed activity** | 08.10.2022-09.10.2022 |
| **Please list any logistical/administrative support you might need from staff?** | We would need a recording device (e.g., an owl) to stream the events live for those who do not attend the conference in-person but online. |