

The Edinburgh Merchant Company Enterprise Fund Limited



The Edinburgh Merchant Company Enterprise Fund Limited is a charity set up to provide modest financial grants to encourage entrepreneurship and business start-ups coupled with the education, encouragement and mentoring of recipients using the huge resource of knowledge and experience within The Merchant Company membership.

Eligibility Criteria

The fund has very wide eligibility criteria however it is expected that applicants should meet the following

- Grants may be awarded to anyone with a sound business proposition at any stage in their education or career but applicants should be able to demonstrate the need for both finance and expertise and be willing to accept a mentor appointed by The Merchant Company
- Grants are not repayable and may be awarded to existing or new start businesses
- Applying businesses should be based in Edinburgh or the Lothians
- Applicants should be the full or part owner of the business to be supported
- There is no age limit for applications
- Grants in the range from £500 - £5000 will be awarded for specific projects or equipment and will be judged on business merit and need
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate that a grant award will meet one or more of the fund's charitable purposes namely
 - The prevention or relief of poverty
 - The advancement of education
 - The advancement of citizenship or community development
- A completed application form, business plan and appropriate cash flow will be required

Application Process

Application enquiries should be made through your faculty at Edinburgh College where they will be subject to an initial screening process.

Where considered appropriate a business plan and cash flow commensurate with the amount of grant requested will be required.

Completed business plans will be submitted to the Enterprise Fund evaluation committee at The Royal Company of Merchants for further screening and applicants may be invited to present to the committee.