



Drax Foundation: FAQs (2026)

The Drax Foundation is a donor advised fund set up by Drax Corporate Limited (“Drax”) and administered on Drax’s behalf by the Charities Trust (an independently registered charity with the UK Charity Commission, Charity No. 327489).

1. BEFORE APPLYING

a. Does the Drax Foundation have priority areas for funding?

Yes. The Drax Foundation prioritizes three areas for funding:

- STEM education and future ready skills
- Nature and community green spaces
- Energy efficiency and fuel poverty

The Drax Foundation is particularly interested in:

- projects that seek to test new ideas and find creative ways to tackle emerging issues relating to our funding priorities
- developing a response that supports gender equality, Indigenous communities and/or underserved groups
- forging new collaborations or coalitions
- investing in approaches with the potential to be replicable and scalable.

b. Are there any geographical restrictions on funding?

Yes. Eligible organisation must operate in at least one of the regions where Drax operates in the UK, US or Canada. See: [Where We Operate - Drax Global](#)



<p>c. Which types of organisation are eligible for funding?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered charities or formally constituted not-for-profit organisation or social enterprises in the UK • 501(c)(3) non-profit organisation in the US • Registered charities or not-for-profit organisation or social enterprises in Canada <p>Organisation must have been operating for a minimum of one year at the time of applying for funding.</p>
<p>d. Are there any <u>ineligibility</u> criteria that I should be aware of?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrospective funding for projects that have already taken place. • Individual sponsorships, personal appeals or proposals that will benefit only one person. • Projects that are unable to start within twelve months of the grant award date. • Projects that do not align with the Drax Foundation's focus areas. • Funding requests for any projects or activities relating to or associated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – political lobbying or advocacy for or against any political party affiliation, ideology, or campaign, or any legislation or government policy; or – advocacy for or against any religion or faith. • Organisation, programmes or projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – discriminate or restrict services based on gender, race, religion, creed, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law; – directly or indirectly, engage in, support, or promote any offensive, obscene or sexually suggestive material, propaganda, potentially misleading information, or defamatory or disparaging material about other people or companies or endorse any form of hate, hate group or terrorist activities; – promote any activities that may be unsafe or dangerous or considered gaming, betting, or gambling or relate to raffles, prize draws, games of chance, lotteries, or similar activities; – operate for commercial use or promotion. • Any organisation or individuals other than registered charities, not-for-profit organisation or social enterprises based in the UK, US, or Canada.
<p>e. What is the minimum / maximum amount I can apply for?</p>	<p>Applications are invited in the range of £25,000 - £100,000. Please note that we may not be able to award the full amount you apply for due to budget limitations.</p>



f. Does the Drax Foundation accept unsolicited applications?	The Drax Foundation operates an invitation-only grants programme. If an organisation wishes to submit a speculative Expression of Interest (EoI), they can request an EoI form from drax.foundation@drax.com .
g. What type of funding does the Drax Foundation provide?	The Drax Foundation provides project funding for specific pieces of work. We also provide core funding to support running costs if there is a close fit between the applicant and the objectives of the Drax Foundation.
h. How many times can I apply for funding from the Drax Foundation?	Eligible organisations can apply to the Drax Foundation once per calendar year. If an application has been unsuccessful, an organisation may be invited to re-submit the following year.
i. Can I apply for multi-year funding?	At present, the Drax Foundation cannot commit to multi-year funding for organisation.
j. Where can I find the Terms and Conditions?	<p>The Terms and Conditions for Applicants can be found in the Drax Foundation Application Form.</p> <p>If your application is successful, you will receive an Award Letter confirming that the relevant grant has been approved, as well as the amount. The Award Letter will also include a summary of the key provisions of the Terms and Conditions and the eligibility / ineligibility criteria; the applicant must continue to comply with the Terms and Conditions if they are successful in obtaining the grant.</p>
2. WHILE I AM APPLYING	
a. How do I apply to the Drax Foundation?	Eligible organisation will be sent an application form at least six weeks before the application deadline.
b. What are the 2025 deadlines to apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 March 2026 • 31 May 2026
c. Do I need to submit a budget with my application?	Yes. Each application should include a budget.



d. I have a question about my application, who should I contact?	Contact drax.foundation@drax.com
3. AFTER I HAVE APPLIED	
a. How will I know if my application has been received?	We will endeavour to send you an email notification within 5 working days of your application being submitted.
b. How will I know if my application has been successful?	We will endeavour to notify you within four weeks of application deadline (as set out in section 2.b).
4. IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL	
a. Will I need to sign a Grant Agreement?	Yes. If your application is successful, you will receive a Grant Award letter (as described at 1j. above). Once you have signed and returned the letter, we will ask our donor advised fund, the Charities Trust , to contact you.
b. How and when will I receive the grant funding?	Our donor advised fund, the Charities Trust , will contact you to conduct due diligence screening prior to disbursing grant funding. For charities and NPOs in the US and Canada, this process may take up to four weeks. Once complete, the payment will be made by bank transfer.
c. What supporting documents and information will I need to provide?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bank statement dated within the last three months with the organisation's legal name, address, and account details visible • Name and telephone number (for bank account verification) • An IRS letter confirming 501(c)(3) status (US only) • Governance document, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Memorandum and Articles of Association (UK)



	<p>– Charity Bylaws (US and Canada)</p> <p>Organisation working with children and / or vulnerable adults will need to submit a copy of their Safeguarding Policy.</p>
d. We don't have a bank account, what should we do?	The Drax Foundation cannot make donations into an individual's bank account, neither can it make donations by cheque. Any applications without a bank account will <u>not</u> be eligible for funding.
e. Are there any reporting requirements attached to this grant?	Yes. Recipients of Drax Foundation grants are asked to submit a year-end report in the Drax Foundation template by the end of the calendar year in which the grant funding was awarded (or such other time period as may be agreed by the parties).