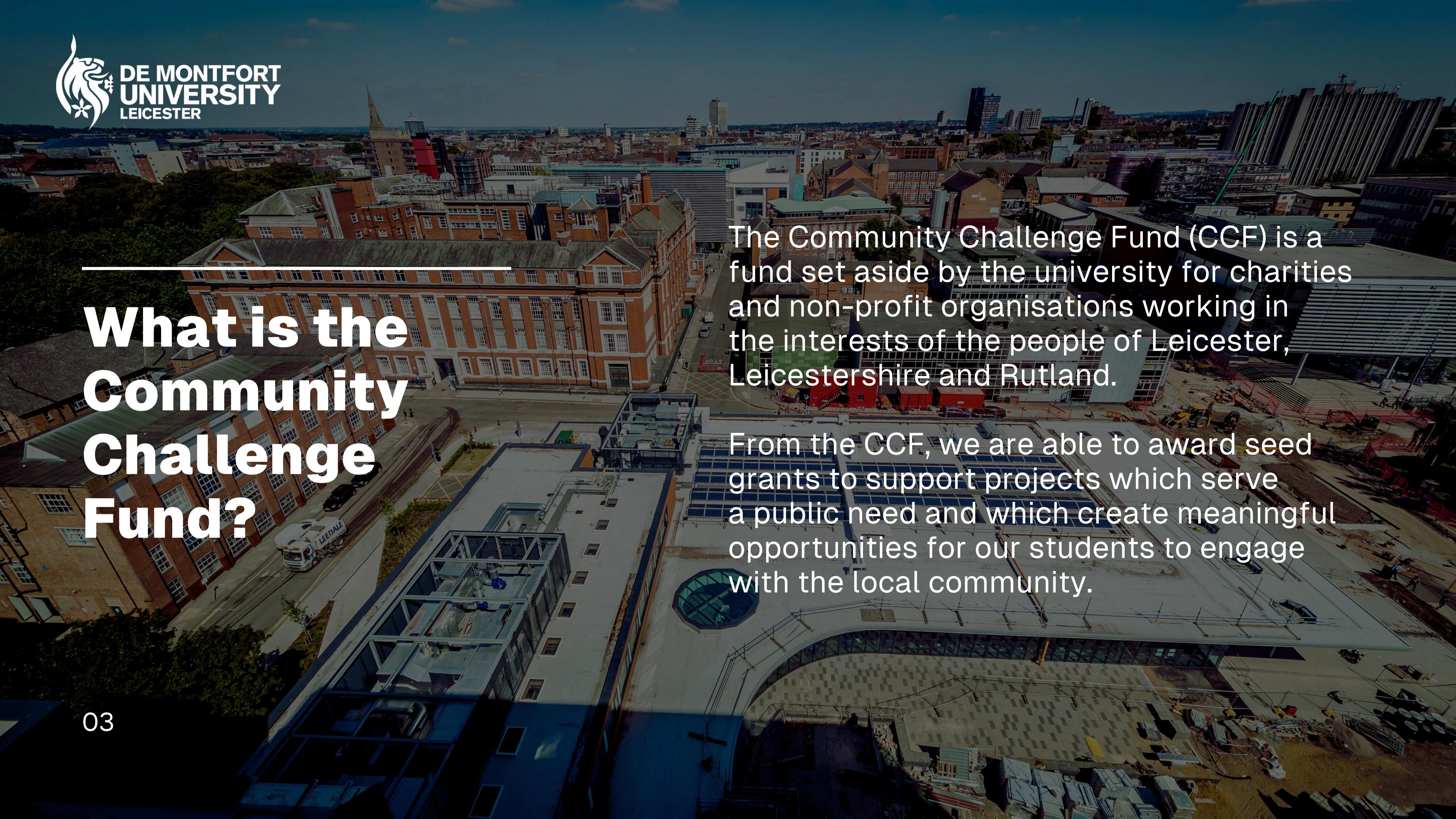




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The Community Challenge Fund significantly contributed to the success of our alternative education provision and youth sessions. Participants experienced notable improvements in mental health and wellbeing, and there was a marked enhancement in their social skills. The skills and confidence they gained through our programmes have positively influenced their prospects in employment and further education.

The Cooke e-Learning Foundation (E2)



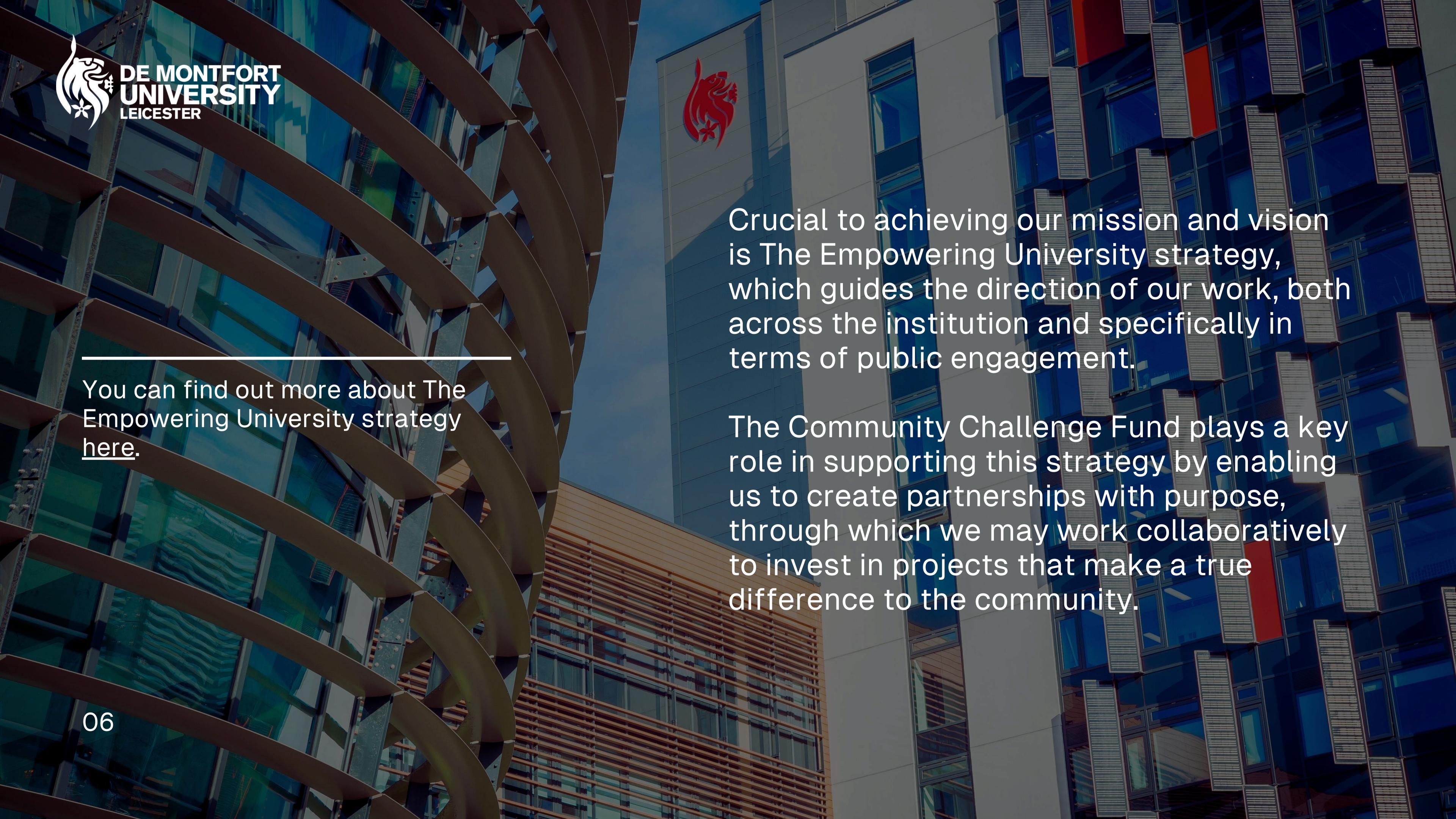
We can award grants of between £500 and £2000 to projects which complement our mission. Applications are open to all charities, non-profit organisations and community groups in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

### Background

Our mission as a university is to discover gateways of opportunity that empower students, staff and our community to create a fairer society.

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Our vision is to create a community of participation, fairness and collective responsibility, transforming individual lives and championing a fair and sustainable society.

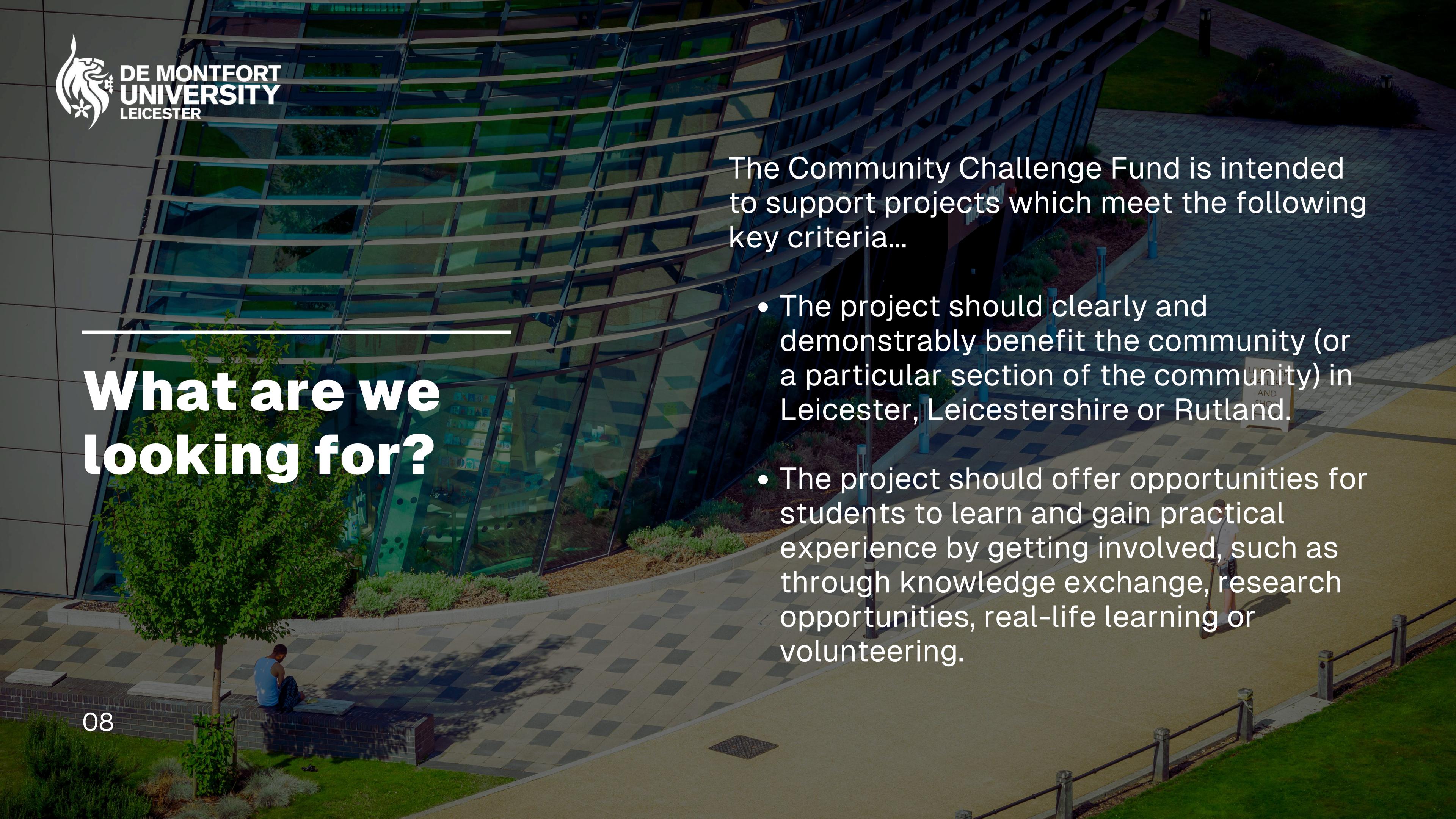


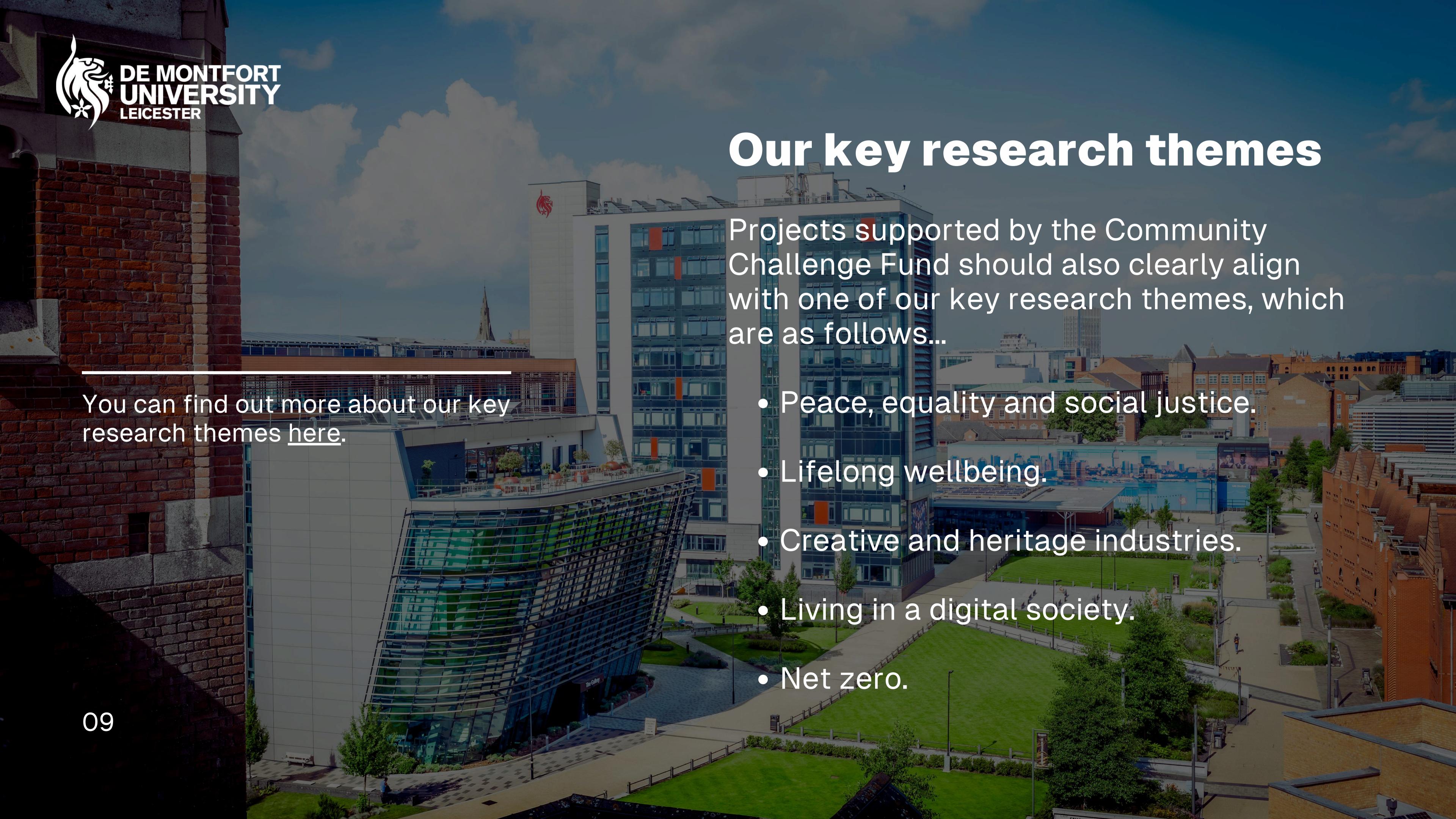




The grant that we received from the Community Challenge Fund allowed us to reach so many different people from different backgrounds and to offer them some community kind of cohesion. Bringing people closer together, making new friends over food, discovering new ingredients and learning how to shop and cook on a budget has been a great way to teach our young people that others care about them and their wellbeing.

The Centre Project



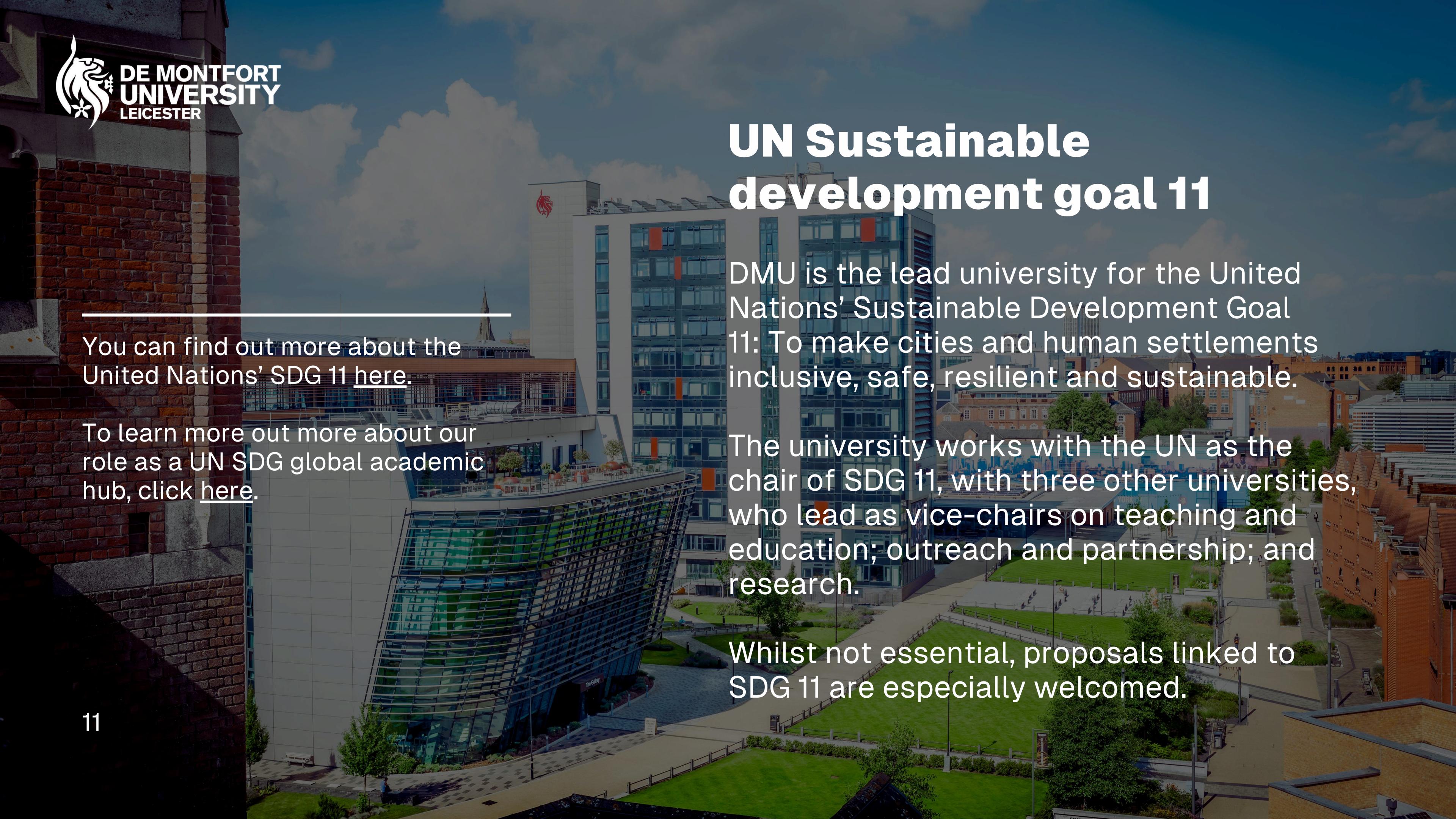


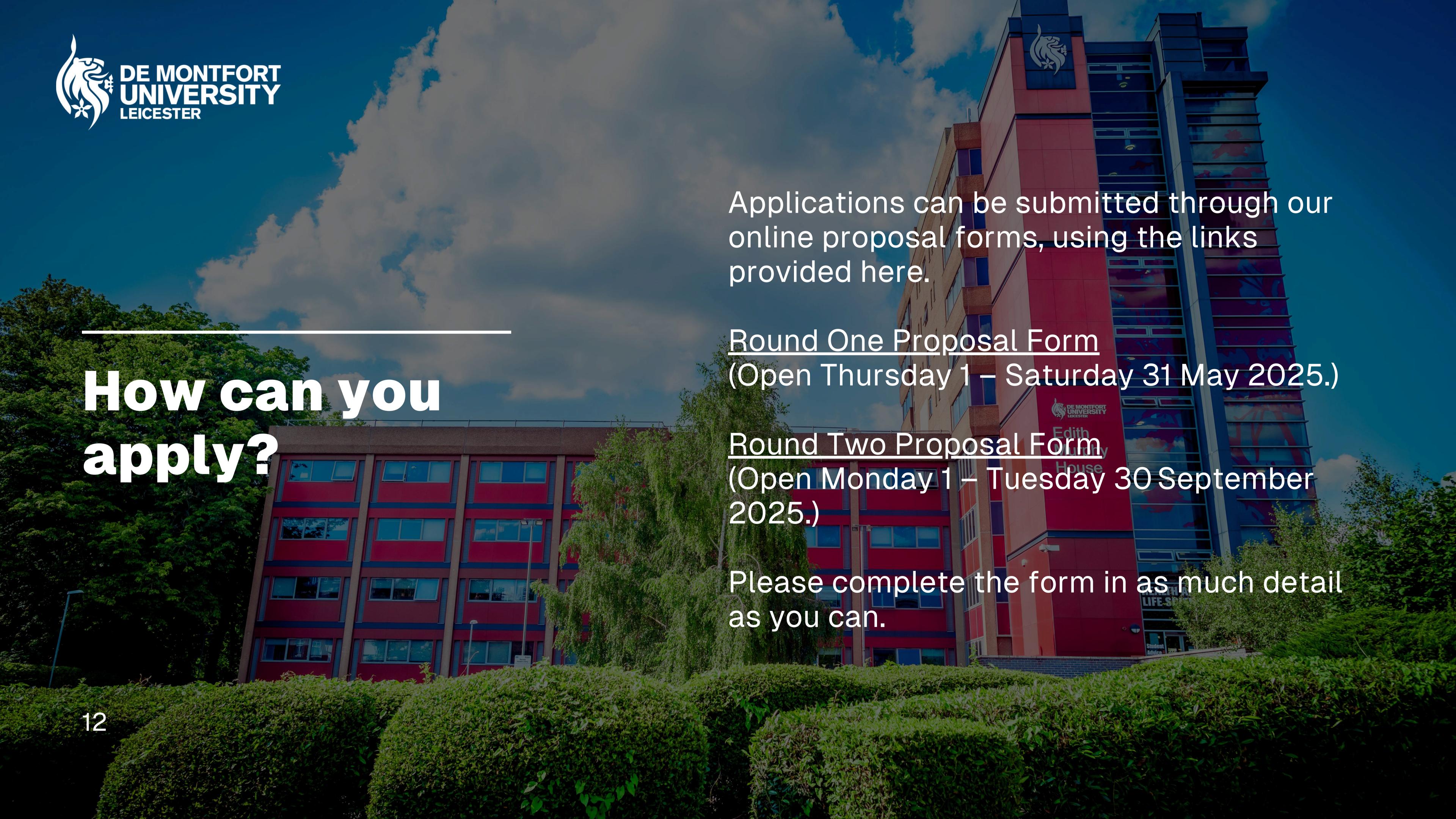


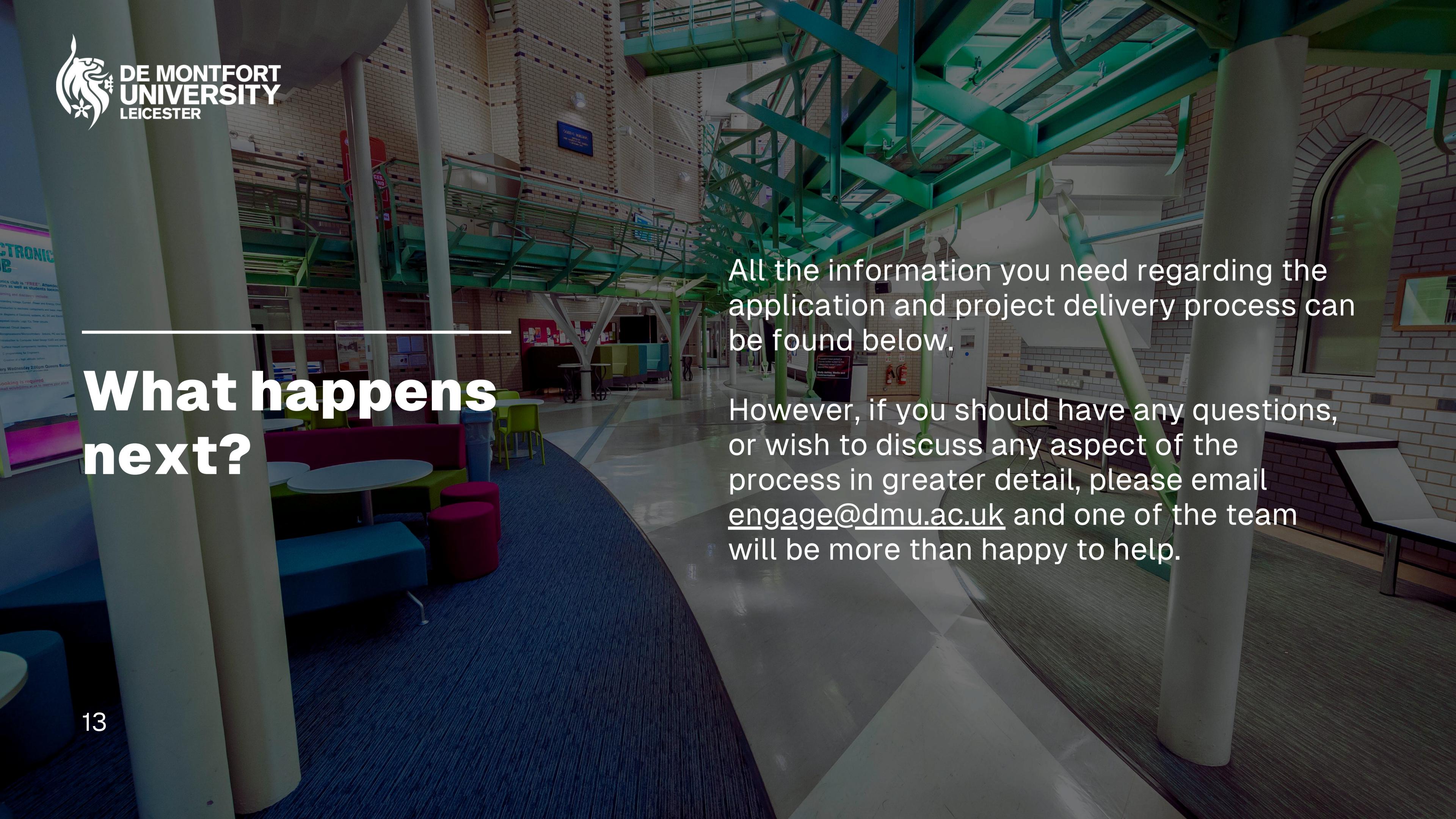


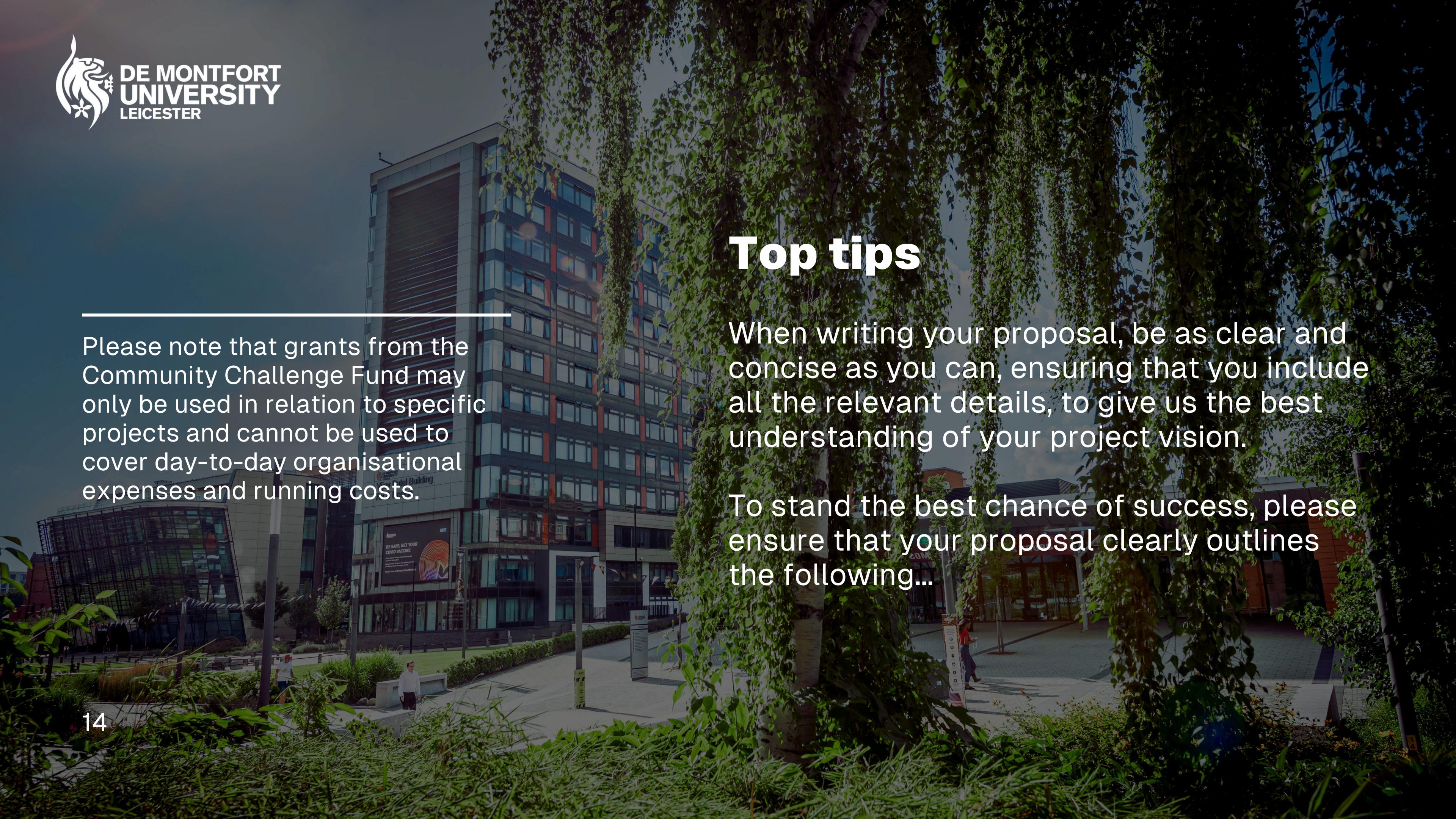
The Community Challenge Fund was instrumental to the success of our project. Specifically, it allowed us to engage experienced facilitators, offer flexibility to attendees and ensure a professional and well-organised experience. By empowering local women and equipping them with practical tools and knowledge, the project made a tangible difference in the community, addressing employability challenges in a supportive and inclusive way.

Women Who Can

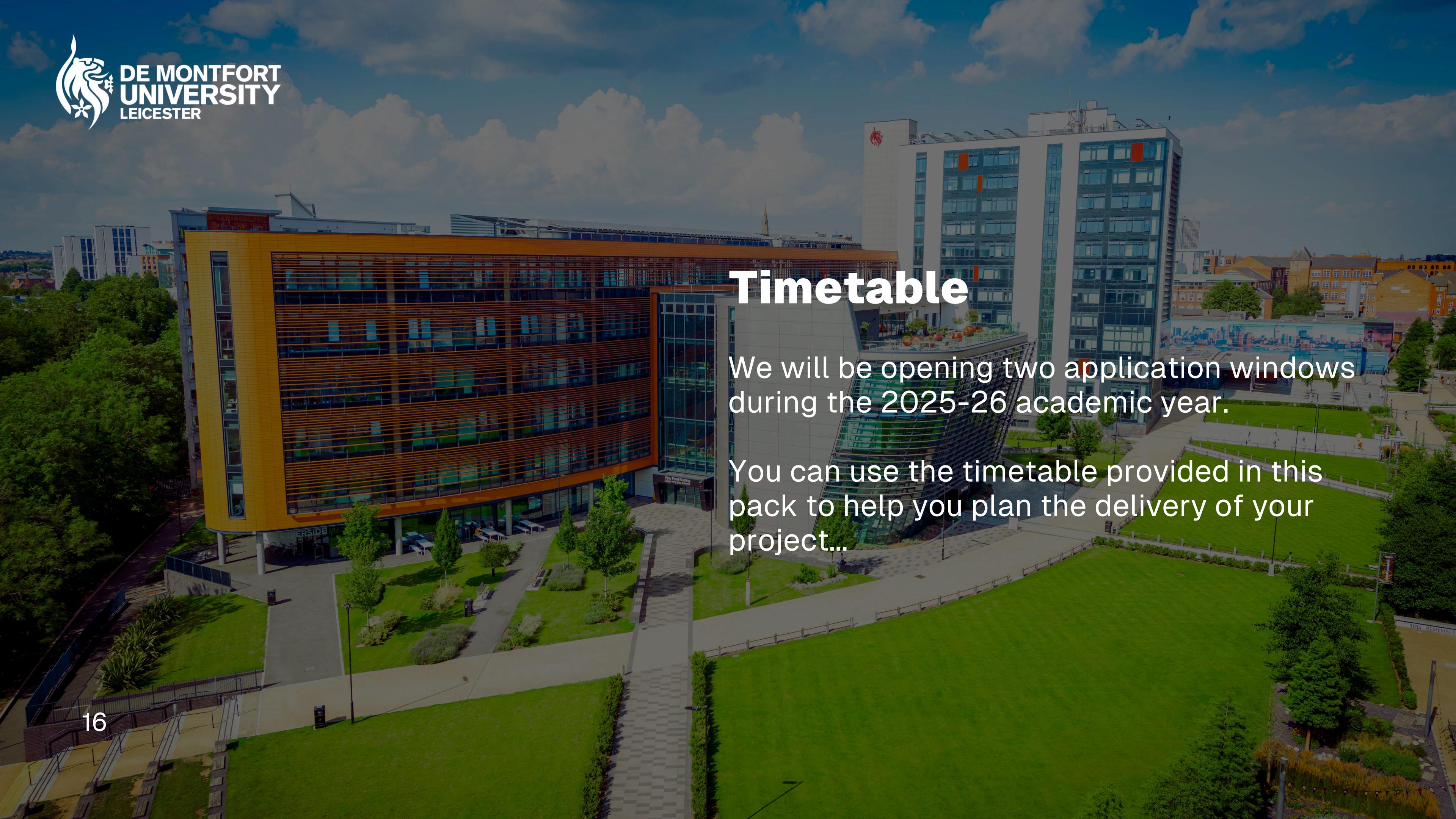














Please prepare your proposal with reference to the recommended project delivery windows shown. Should this present a significant challenge in relation to the specific needs of your project, please email engage@dmu.ac.uk prior to submitting your application so that we can discuss your individual circumstances and advise you further.

#### Round One

Applications Open
Thu 1 May 2025

Applications Close Sat 31 May 2025

Outcomes Mon 30 Jun 2025

Delivery Window Oct-Dec 2025

Impact Deadline Sat 31 Jan 2026

#### Round Two

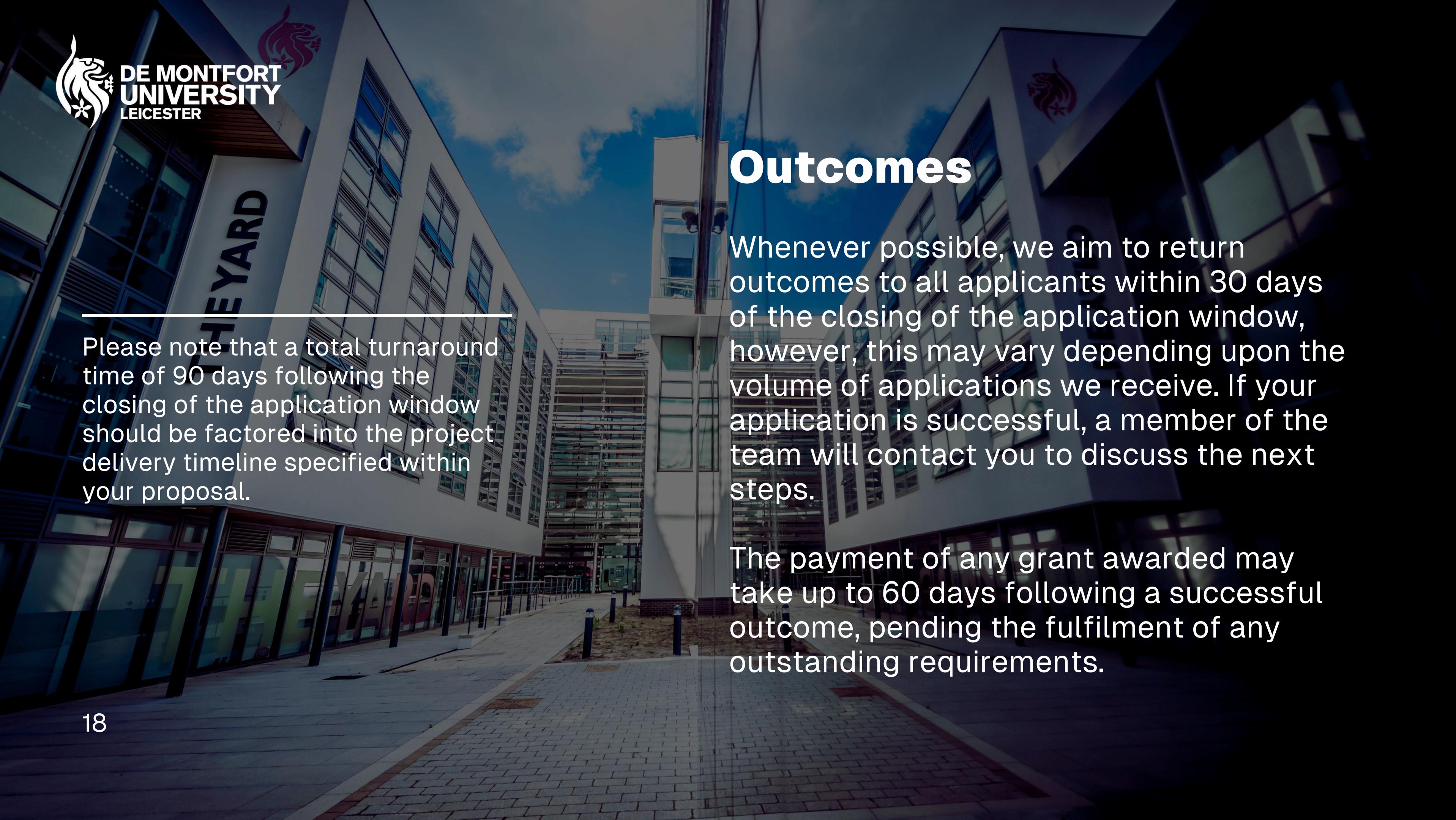
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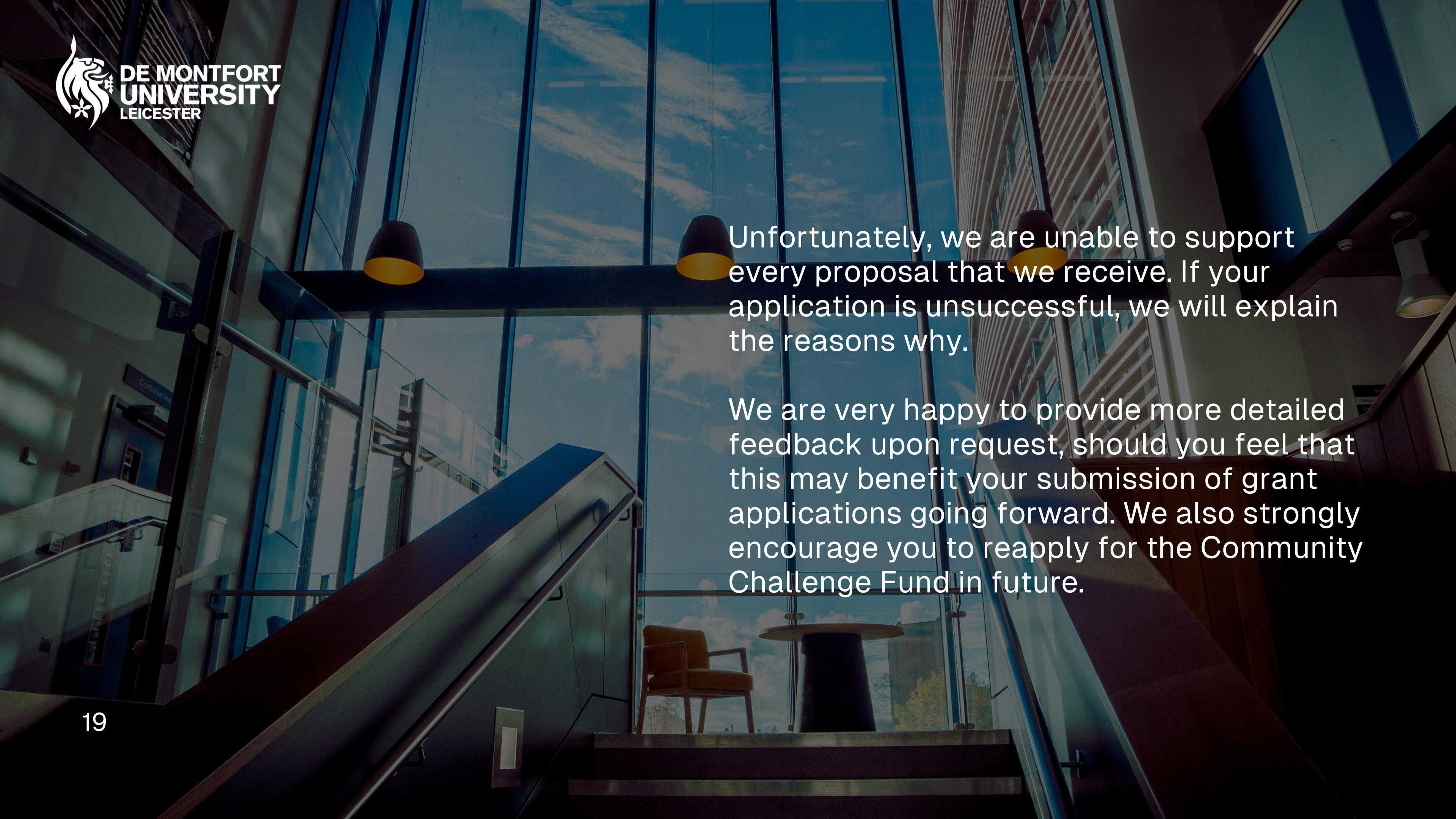
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Outcomes Fri 31 Oct 2025

Delivery Window Feb-Apr 2026

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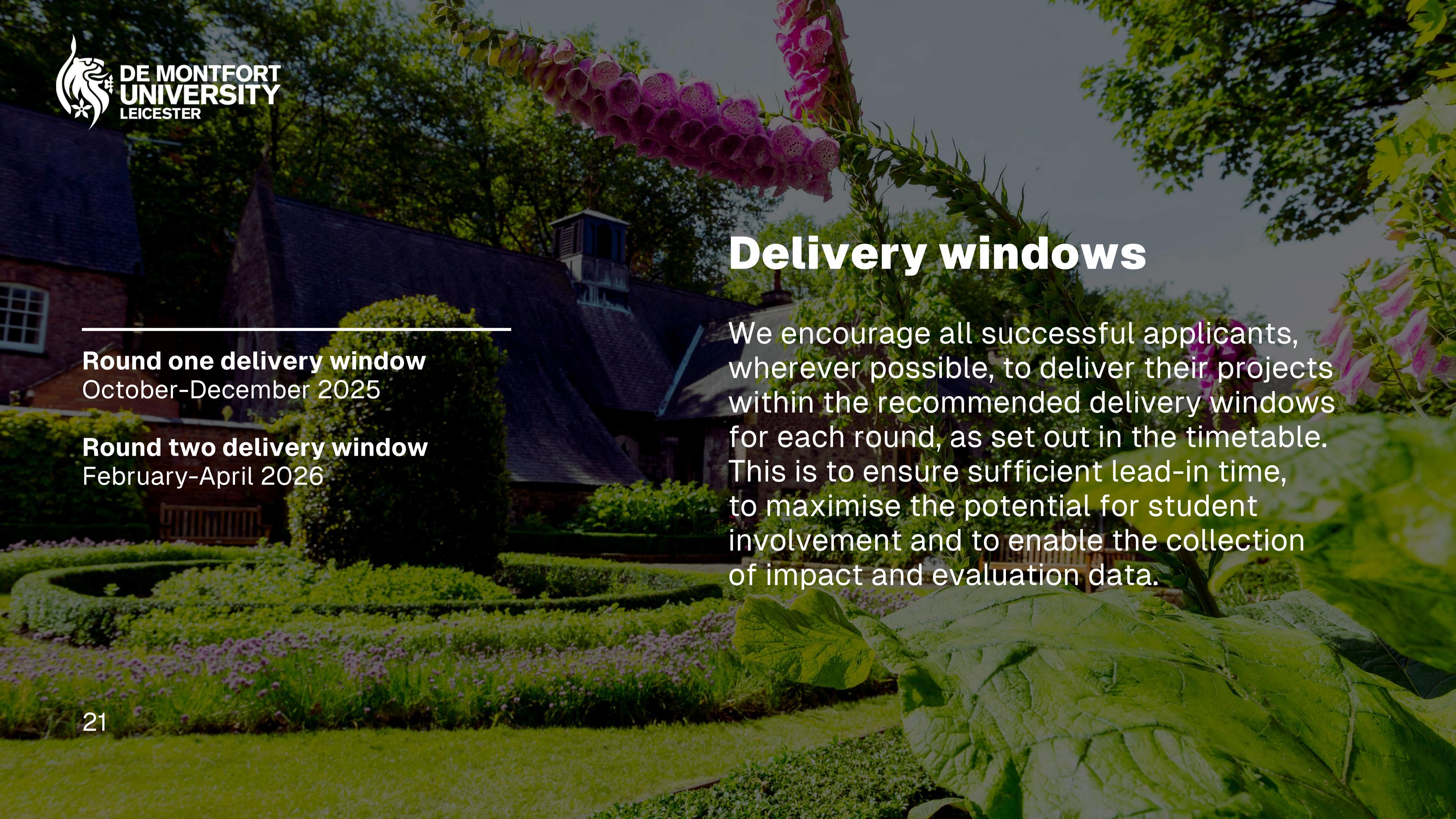






The Community Challenge Fund was pivotal to delivering a project that benefited DMU students, local artists and the Leicester community. The success of this initiative has established a model for future volunteer-led live productions, ensuring continued access to career pathways in Leicester's creative industries.

2Funky Arts





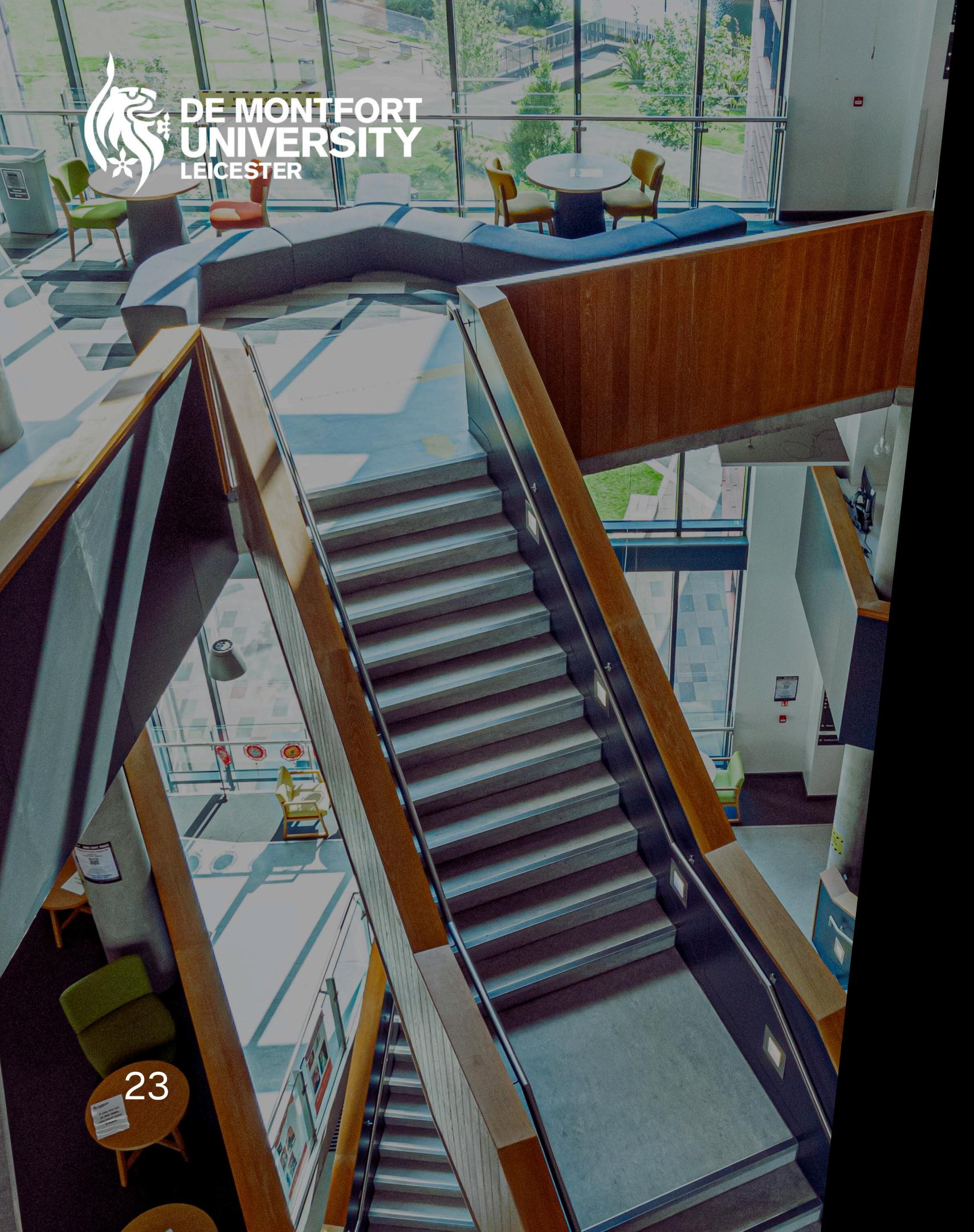
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Round two impact deadline Saturday 31 May 2026

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Following the completion of your project, a member of the team will arrange a reflection meeting with you discuss what went particularly well and which aspects of the project you may be interested in developing further in the future.

Following this meeting, we will send you a link to our online impact and evaluation assessment form, which we will then ask you to complete. This data is essential to helping us demonstrate the difference made by the Community Challenge Fund, enabling us to continue to provide such support going forward.





Our event created a welcoming space for reflection, learning, and the celebration of cultural diversity. By offering free food and interactive activities, the event not only educated but also strengthened the community's sense of connection and identity. This success would not have been possible without the Community Challenge Fund.

ZamZam Unlimited Possibilities

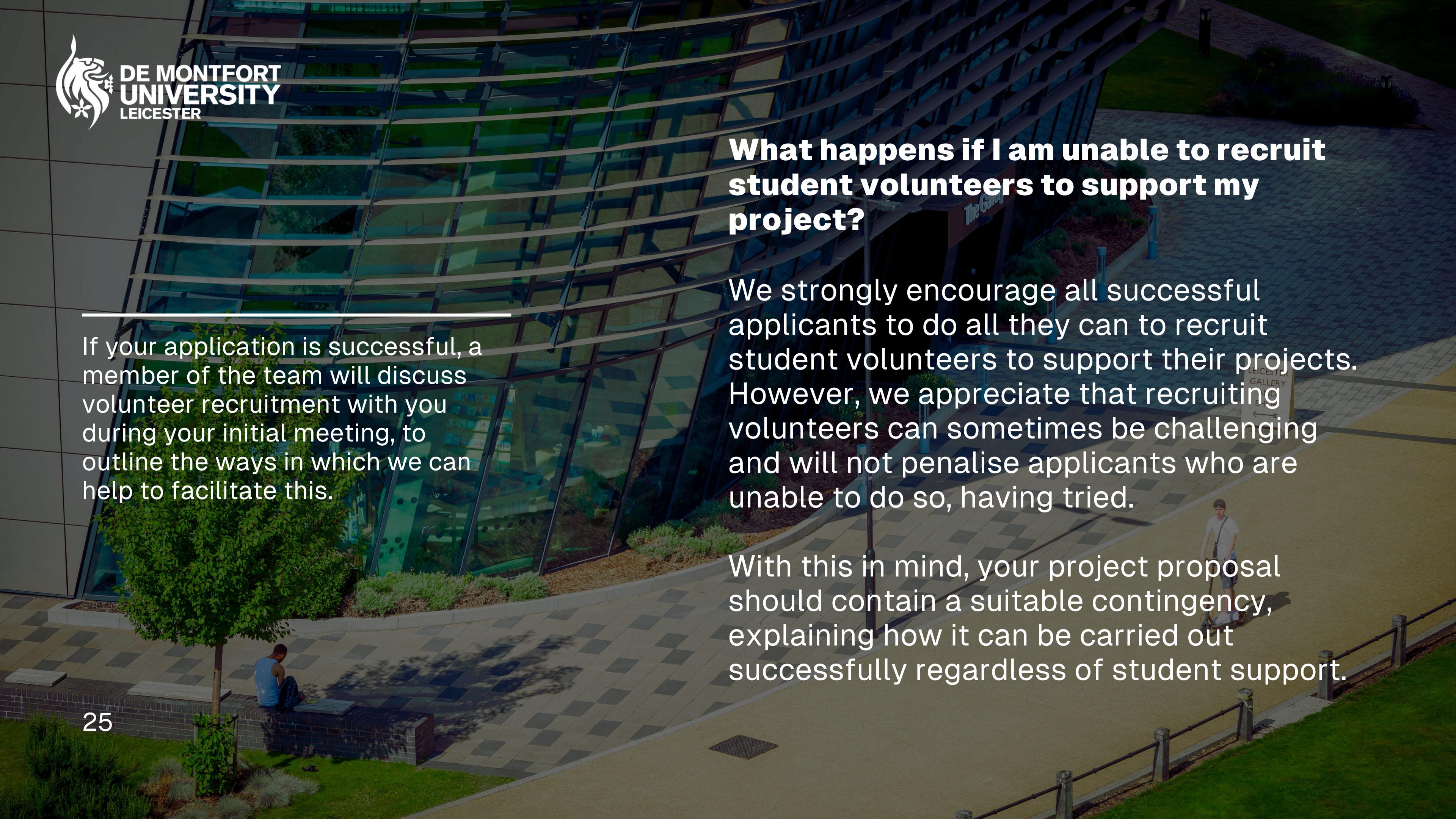


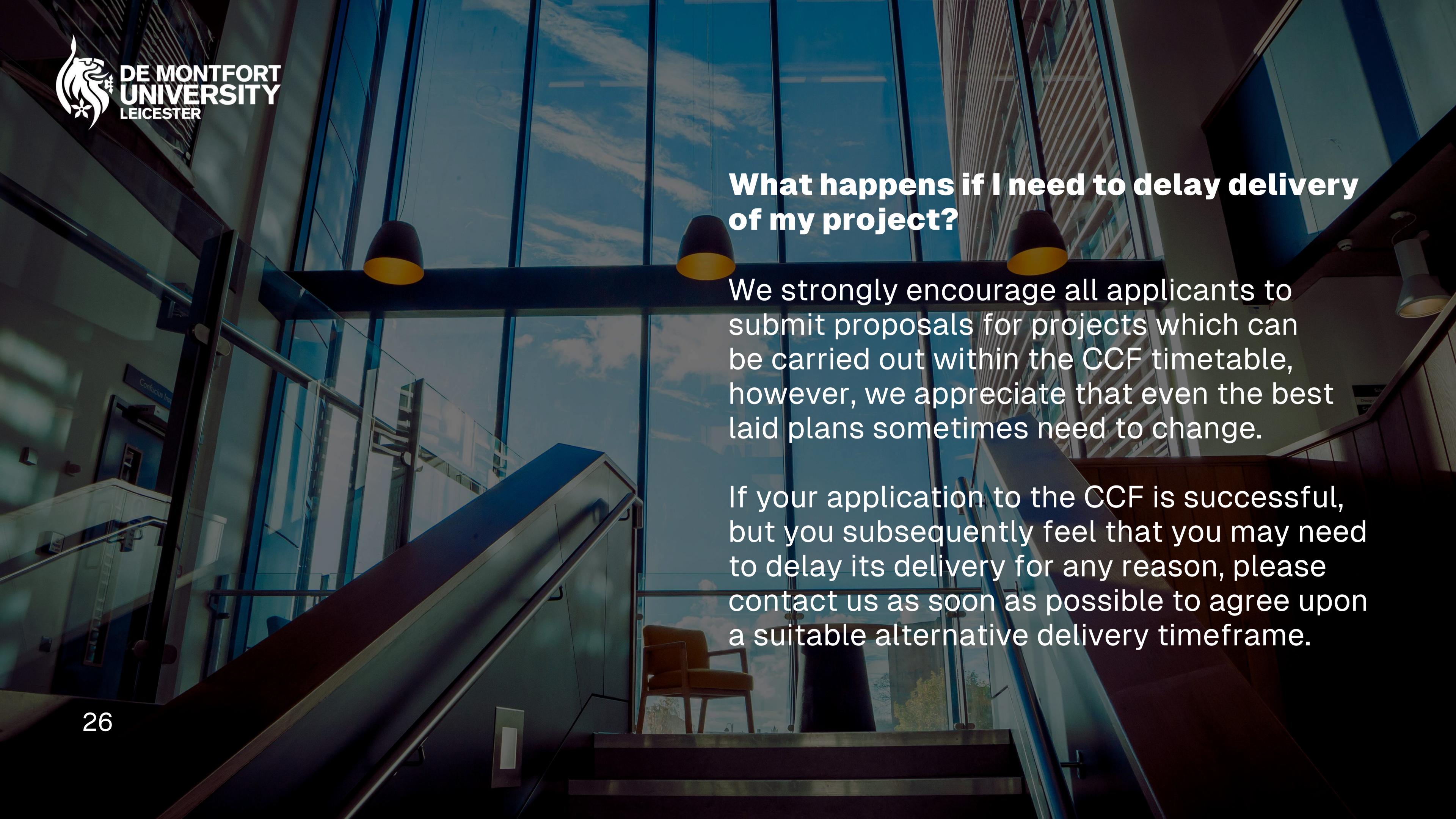
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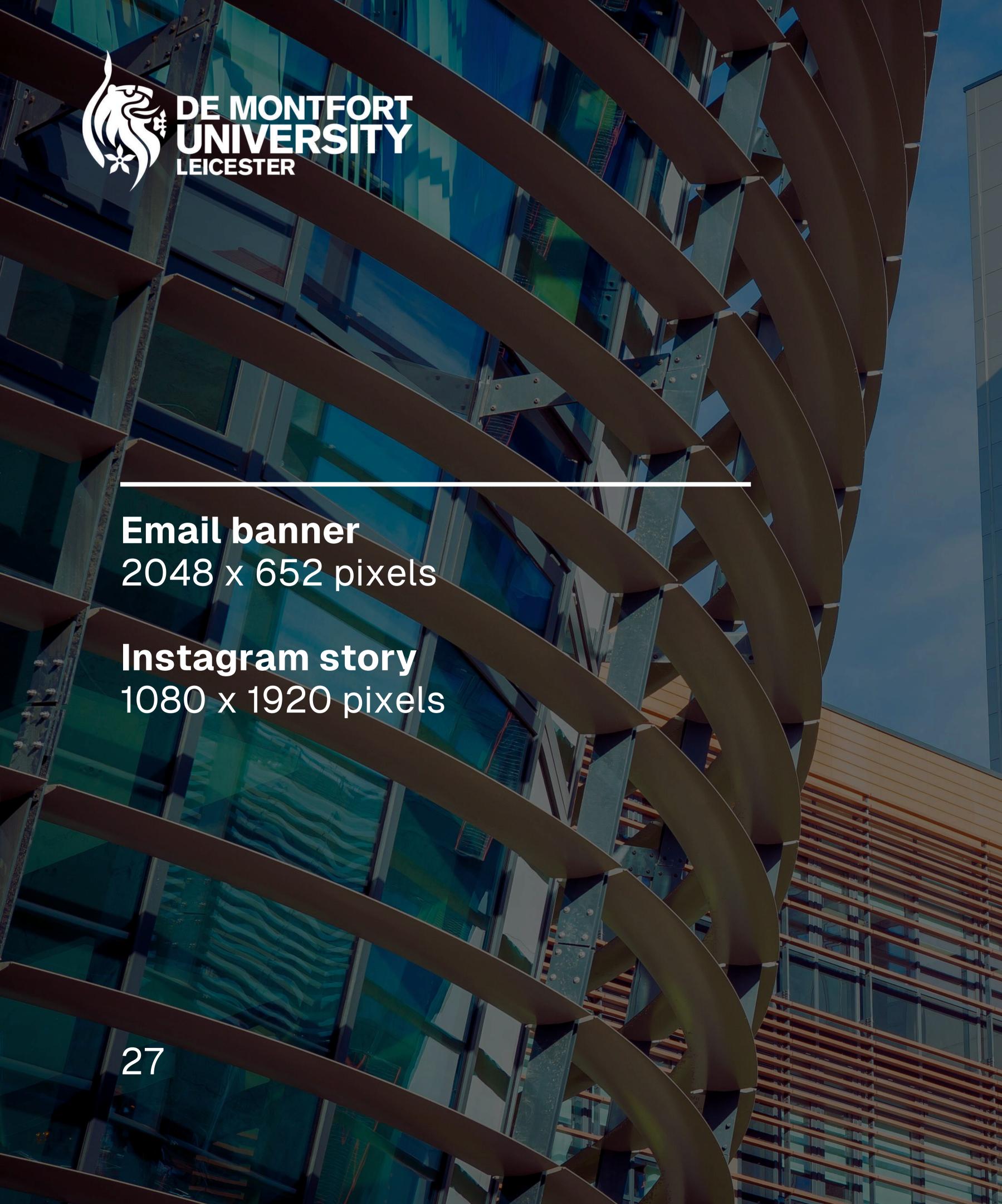
We kindly ask that you do not submit multiple proposals during the same application window.

## Can I resubmit my proposal in order to include further details?

If you submit your proposal and then wish to add further details, you may do so, providing that the deadline for applications has not yet passed, however, please note that you will be required to complete the proposal form from scratch and should clearly mark it as the most recent submission.







## Can DMUEngagement help to promote my project to others?

We are very happy to assist in promoting projects we fund through our digital communications channels. We distribute a monthly email newsletter to our network of community partners and regularly post content on the DMUEngagement instagram account @dmuengagement.

If you receive funding from the CCF and would like us to promote your project, please send us pre-prepared graphics, images etc to the specifications listed.

We regret that we are not able to create marketing collateral on your behalf.





The Community Challenge Fund enabled us to provide a week-long experience that was a great opportunity to develop 38 young people's creative and technical, artistic and musical skills. It was an intensive learning and creative experience, the kind of which is not provided in mainstream education and replicates the experience of studying for a creative degree or working in the creative sector.

Soft Touch Arts



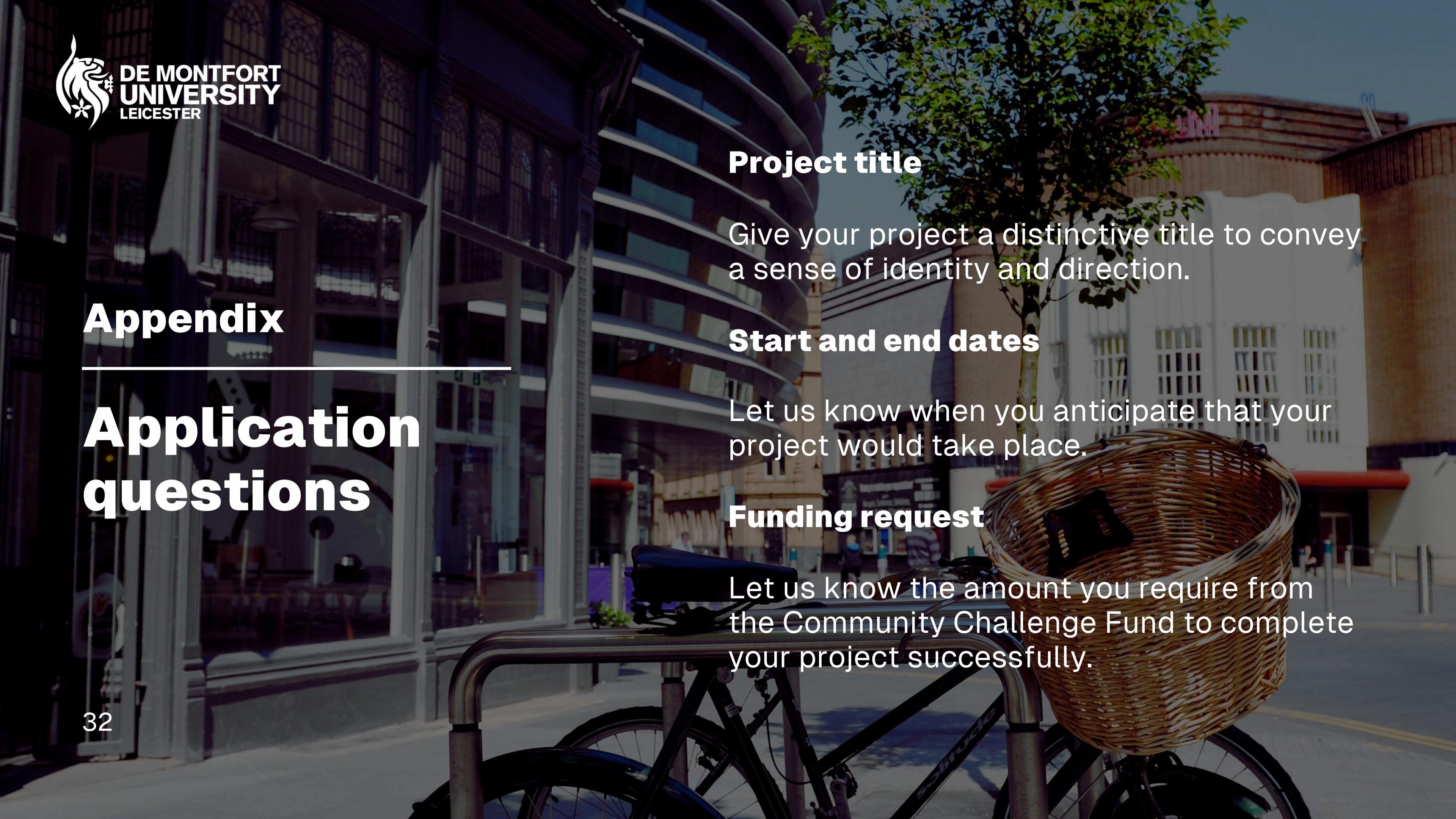


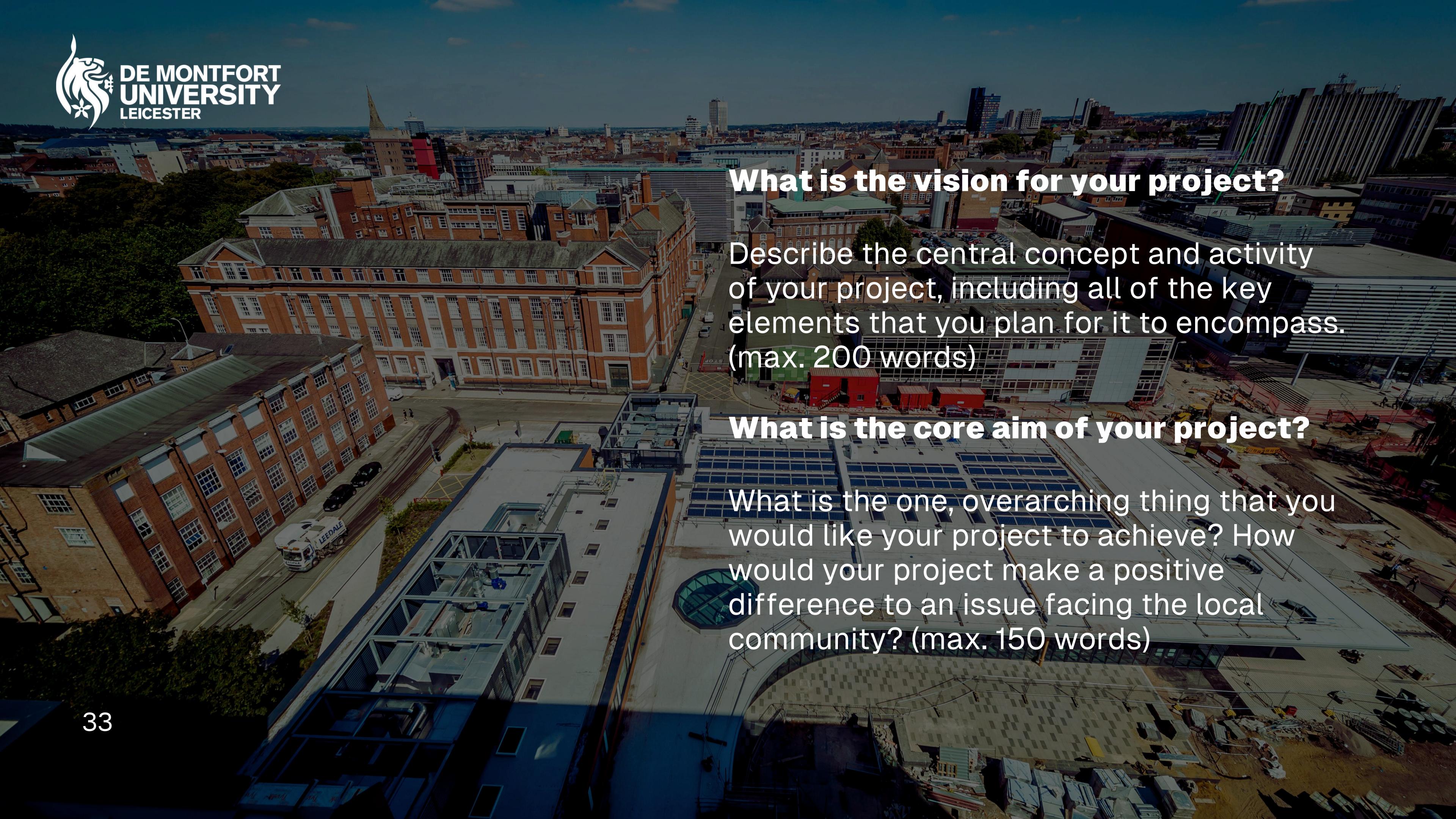
# DMU Global Carbon Levy

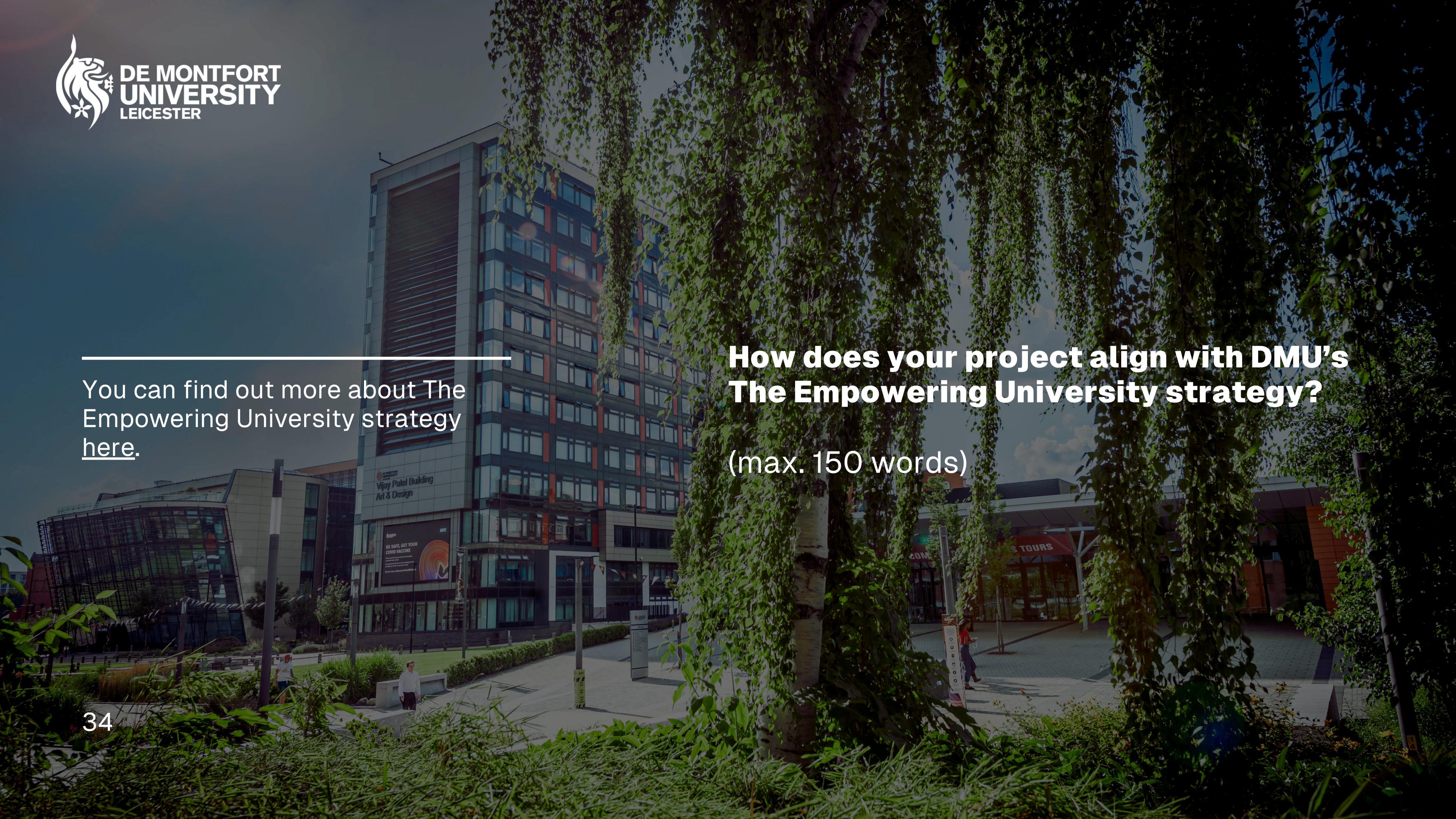
DMU Global, our award-winning international experience programme, has established a carbon levy for those who fly overseas on any of its trips.

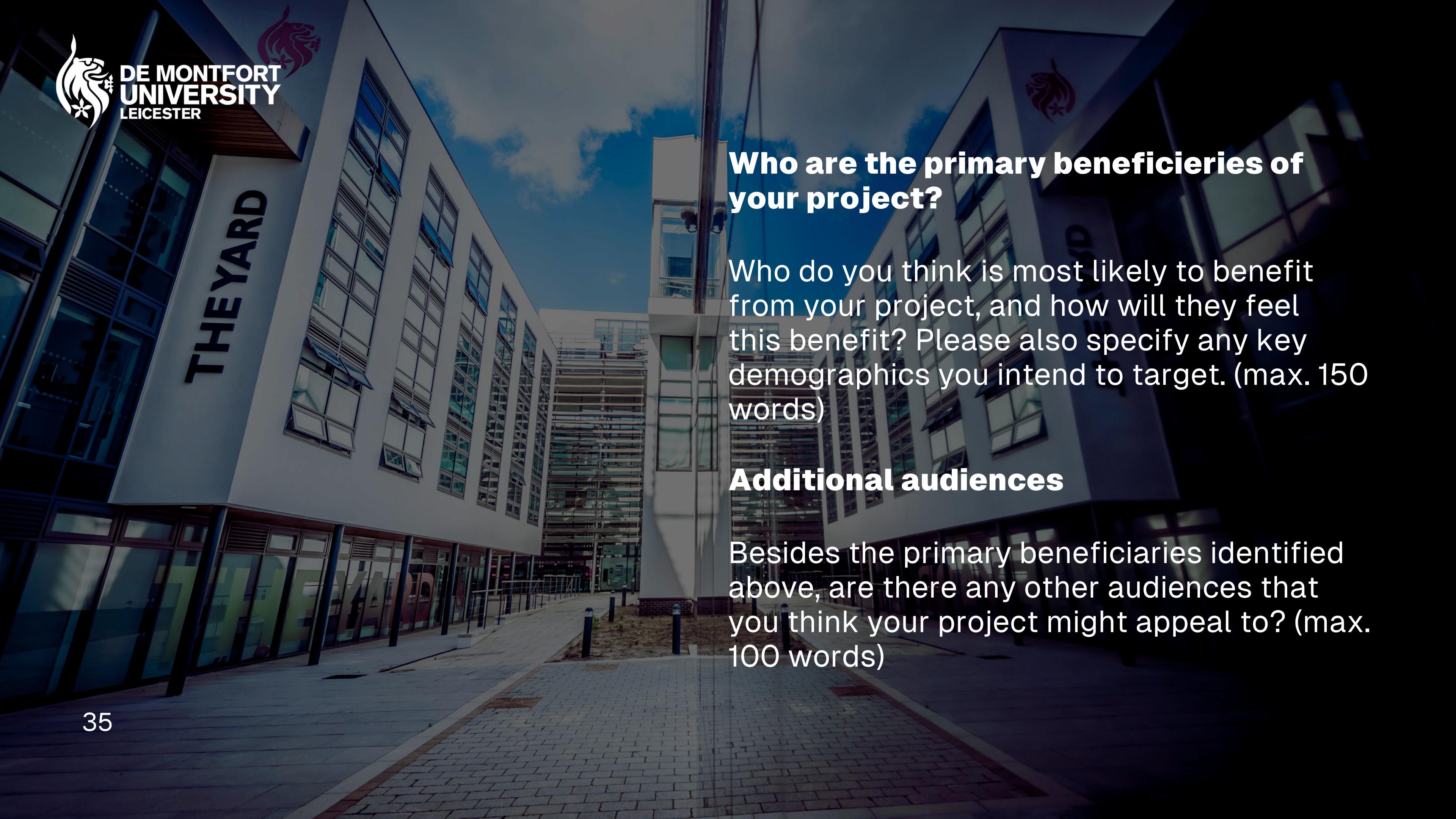
The proceeds generated from this are then used to support community projects with environmental, climate and social justice outcomes. DMU Global sets an annual fundraising target, half of which consists of student contributions paid through the levy, which is then matched by the university to make up the full total.













#### Community engagement approach

How do you plan to promote your project and engage audiences effectively? (max. 150 words)

#### Student engagement approach

What engagement opportunities would your project offer to DMU students - for example, volunteering, real-life learning or knowledge exchange opportunities? How would you promote these opportunities effectively? (max. 150 words)

