

# Fairtrade University and College Award

From SOS-UK and Fairtrade Foundation

The Fairtrade University and College Award, delivered in partnership with the [Fairtrade Foundation](#), gives recognition to institutions that have embedded ethical and sustainable practices through their curriculum, procurement, research and campaigns.



## How does it work?

Institutions and union partnerships will have two years to complete the Fairtrade University and College Award. Partnerships register and work for an Award using our bespoke online toolkit, structured to enable the partnership to upload evidence for each criterion, track progress and engage a working group.

You will have two years to complete as much or as little from the toolkit as you decide, with support and/or resources from SOS-UK and the Fairtrade Foundation throughout. In the spring of year 2, the Fairtrade Foundation will help with the recruitment and lead on the training of on-site student auditors who will verify your toolkit submission. Accreditations will then be awarded and remain valid for two years, until the next audit date.



### The award

- Broad range of themes and actions to choose from
- Tiered Award levels to allow for continual improvement and long-term engagement
- Recognition of ethical sourcing beyond Fairtrade



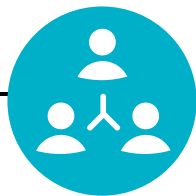
### Online support

Resources, tools and support to ensure you can make the most of your participation and achieve your goals.



### Audit

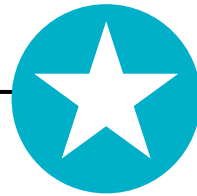
A comprehensive audit led by trained student auditors from your university or college through SOS-UK's highly successful student auditor programme.



### Networking

Regular networking calls for all universities and colleges that have signed up for the Award.

Building a network of partnerships enables collaborative approaches to larger responsible trade and consumption campaigns.



### Award levels

- Fairtrade University
- Fairtrade University (1 star)
- Fairtrade University (2 stars)
- Fairtrade University (3 stars)

## The Award criteria

There are many different activities that can take place within institutions including purchasing Fairtrade, products, campaigning, teaching, research and outreach. The Award has a large number of optional criteria to choose from to reflect the different activities you do. In order to get the standard Award, there are 11 mandatory criteria to achieve (half points are awarded for partially met criteria). The rest are all optional criteria and you can take any number of these to achieve additional 'stars' for the Award, ranging from 1 to 3 dependent on level of attainment. The Award criteria include actions that may include staff from procurement, catering, student union, teaching staff and also students, and a partnership approach is encouraged.

### Costs

The cost to join is £1700 +VAT for 2024-26 for HE institutions and £1040 +VAT for FE institutions.

We also offer bespoke consultancy on a day rate basis if you would like additional support. Please [email us](#) to discuss these options.

### Sign up

[Sign up to our programmes for 2024-2025](#), or [email us](#) with any queries.



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