

# Candidate Campaign Budget

BCUSU will allocate an equal budget to all candidates for each position to cover campaign costs. This budget will be announced at the start of the election period and can be reclaimed retrospectively through reimbursement forms after campaigning.

This budget is the **only finance which may be used for campaigning purposes** and **no candidate** may spend more on their campaign than the limit set by the Deputy Returning Officer.

All candidates should submit a written list of all associated campaign costs, with corresponding itemised receipts, no later than **one hour** after of the close of voting.

If candidates do not spend any money during the course of their campaign this must be made clear on the submission.

## Freely Available Items

Any materials used by a candidate must be included within their statement of expenditure, except for items which are freely and readily available to all candidates, which can be used without itemisation.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Marker pens
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Staplers
- String and cable ties
- Blu tack and tape
- Plastic bags
- Paintbrushes and paint
- Standard 'office' paper (not including specialist types such as inkjet or photo paper)
- Cardboard

If you believe an additional item should be included on this list, please confirm with the Deputy Returning Officer **before** using it. If an item is used which is subsequently not agreed with the DRO then it will become chargeable.

## Campaigners Own Items

Items that campaigners already own can be valued using a minimum price list available from the Activities & Representation Team.

The Deputy Returning Officer will value items not on this list within one working day of the request for an evaluation.

Item	Value
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Smartphone cameras/Cameras	
Computer design software	
Music streaming subscriptions	
Transport costs (car usage)	

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