

BALI Chalk Fund (BCF) Grants 2026-2027

YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES SUPPORTING INDUSTRY SKILLS TRAINING

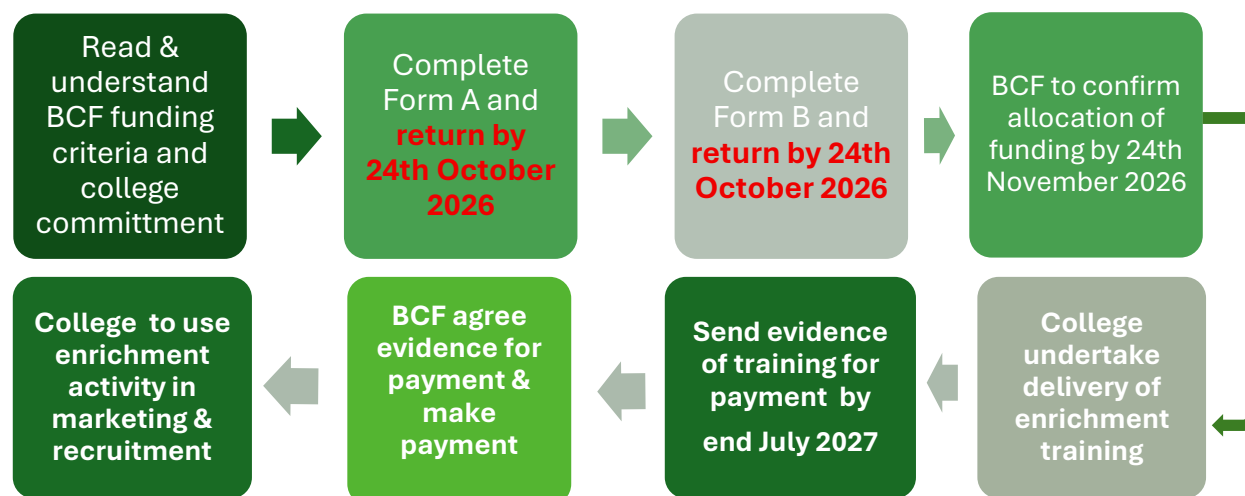
***** APPLY NOW *****

The BALI Chalk Fund (BCF) has pleasure in offering your college (as a BALI registered training provider) the opportunity to request enrichment funding as part of a student's/apprentice's study programme from 2026-2027.

Our aim is to enable students and apprentices studying at L2 and above to add value to their vocational qualification by gaining additional technical skills to positively impact their employment opportunities – getting them “work-ready” and meeting the skills need.

The BCF will allocate and commit a grant to successful college applications for the academic year 2026-2027 for up to a value of **£5000**. It is our intention this will become an annual grant subject to available funds, issued on an annual basis with a defined timetable.

Process with date deadlines



Timeline for process

BCF communication to college	1 st October 2026
College to return Forms A & B	24 th October 2026
BCF to confirm funding allocation	24 th November 2026
College to issue Invoices and details & names on courses completed	9 th July 2027
College to send feedback on courses completed with info and photos of students for BCF socials and publicity use. By end of summer term.	9 th July 2027 or earlier

NOTE: 2025-26 grants saw a 45% shortfall in claims by colleges where courses were not held for various reasons. BCF are keen to avoid this in 2026-27.

Guidance for Funding Allocation

Recognise exceptional students/apprentices

BCF encourages colleges to use the allocated funding to recognise and support students and apprentices who demonstrate exceptional attendance and make significant progress within their qualification and study programme.

BALI Student Membership

All students and apprentices who are nominated for funding **MUST** register as BALI student members. Membership is provided free of charge and offers valuable opportunities for connection and networking within the industry.

Mandatory Health and Safety Training

All nominated students and apprentices **MUST** receive health and safety training to ensure they meet the minimum requirement for the ROLO card. Where the student goes to work in commercial sites where certain cards are required, conversion into a CSCS/LISS card via an online screen test is simple.

Discretionary Training

Below is a list of skills training which the funding could cover. The list is not exhaustive. Upskilling and competence training and assessment + registration of practical skills such as:

SUDS	PA1 & PA6	Shredder	Abrasive wheel
First Aid	Strimmer / Mower	Chipper	Digger operator
Tree Planting	Hedge cutter	Green Roofing/vertical walls	Dumper driver

Funding can cover training, assessment, registration, and certification. Whilst Industry recognised certificates are widely accepted, colleges' own certificates of course completion, for areas/topics not yet covered by C&G, Lantra etc, are acceptable. For example: BNG, Ecology topics, Climate adaptation.

Information for invoicing and payment to college

- ❖ Payment will be processed by BCF once training has been completed by the college
- ❖ Send evidence i.e. copies of invoice/purchase orders with amount to info@balichalkfund.org.uk **by the end of your summer term**
- ❖ Provide BCF with college Bank Details – sort code and account number.
- ❖ BCF will pay the college and not the delivery partner of the training.
- ❖ BCF will require the following information at this stage:
 - The number of students/apprentices who completed a course, with names & personal email contacts please, helps with our Charity Commission validations.
 - Title/description of the course/competences achieved.
 - Student names & contact emails + GDPR permissions.

Will only be used in line with BCF privacy policy
- ❖ BCF require a selection of photos of students undertaking the training along with a brief description so this may be used to promote Enrichment and Training in news stories for the BCF website and social media feeds.
- ❖ BCF will make payment to college on receipt of the above within one calendar month.