

To Whom It May Concern,

I write today to apply for access to {COLLEGE NAME}'s Student Opportunities Fund in order to acquire membership of the Durham University United Nations Society. Durham University United Nations Association is the University's premier society regarding matters concerning the promotion of the United Nations and its role in international relations, diplomacy, and global cooperation. I am thoroughly captivated by the multitude of opportunities available from being a member of the DUUNA; as a member of the society, not only would I be able to join it in the promotion of the increasingly important spirit of international co-operation, empathy and understanding, but I would also be able to gain unprecedented privileges and access regarding all of DUUNA's activities as well as external UN-related events that the society frequently and consistently has sent representatives to.

This academic year alone, DUUNA has hosted esteemed Professors of Law, Government, International Affairs and International Relations, on top of independent speakers in delivering an endearing series of academic discussions spanning a wide variety of geopolitical and diplomatic issues, including but not limited to the renewed Israel-Palestine conflict, the Russo-Ukraine conflict and the issue of the South China Sea dispute, which no doubt have become of utmost contemporary relevance.

Furthermore, as someone who has always wanted to try out and improve my own skills in public speaking and debating, I would be able to access the weekly ability-tailored Model United Nations training sessions and simulations offered by DUUNA. These training sessions are hosted and taught by experienced instructors that have won multiple awards and acclaim, on top of having held prior leadership roles within the field. Should I be granted access to the proposed opportunity funds for membership, I strongly believe this would further enable me to access opportunities within this field. These include the titular official Model United

Nations simulations, advocacy events and volunteering opportunities of a similar nature, on top of honing my debate and speaking skills.

DUUNA also offers many positions of responsibility within its wider executive body, which would further empower me in acquisition of crucial employment skills that would facilitate my career development.

A DUUNA lifetime-membership costs £25 and will endow me with many invaluable opportunities. As I understand, {COLLEGE NAME} has a history of supporting student participation in similar professional societies through college funds. I would be very grateful if I could access these too.

My best regards,

{INSERT NAME}