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UNIVERSITIES OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS

The English Table Tennis Association has created an Outdoor Table Tennis Table Donation Scheme as part of its drive to get more people playing table tennis in universities. Subject to funding, we are hoping to be able to place two tables in one university in each Sport England region.

Universities are invited to submit a bid in a competitive process to be in with a chance to obtain these tables.

We have kept the criteria simple and encourage applications to be as innovative as possible!

Successful outdoor table tennis is dependent on the following factors:

1. **Location**: England's weather can ruin most outdoor sports, but the wind in particular can affect the light table tennis ball. The ideal location for a table is in an area that has good shelter from the wind.
2. **Space**: The minimum space the ETTA recommends for each table is 8m by 4m.
3. **Surface**: For safety and circulation around the table specialist sports surfaces are ideal for the tables to be sited upon. Concrete, tarmac or other hard standing are also adequate.
4. **Footfall**: If the table can't be seen, less people will play on it. The best sites are where people congregate between lectures, outside cafes or near halls of residence.
5. **Equipment Provision**: Bats and balls. If the tables are there, people will eventually provide their own equipment. It's much better if there are bats and balls being loaned or sold nearby though.

What does the ETTA want in return?

1. **Feedback**: We want to know how many people are using the tables, how often and how the tables themselves stand up to the rigours of the weather and student use.
2. **Case Studies**: An annual case study on what impact the tables have had, positive or negative so we can learn and improve our guidelines.
3. **Media and Promotion**: We want you to advertise the tables to get people playing and encourage innovative use of marketing and promotion, for potential use in our own Marketing campaigns.
4. **Sustainability**: We want you to keep using the tables for a long time after installation and create a culture of table tennis participation at your university.

Successful bids will be from applications that show that these four criteria can be met or exceeded.

How do we apply?

If you want to bid for the tables, please complete the attached application form and return it by email to kpelling@etta.co.uk by 17th December 2011. The English Table Tennis Association will select the strongest bids by early January 2012 and the tables will be installed by 31st March 2012.

If you have any queries please contact Kieron Pelling, Project Officer – Adults 16+ on 01424 456 219 or by email.

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APPLICATION FORM

University Name:	
Address and Postcode:	
Main Contact:	
Position:	
Telephone Number 1:	
Telephone Number 2:	
Email Address:	
1. Where do you plan to place the tables (please bear in mind that the site will require reasonable access by the delivery vehicle)	
Please attach a separate map with the planned location if possible	
2. Why will this site be a good place to put the tables?	
Consider student demand, footfall and environment	
3. What type of surface will the table be resting upon?	

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4. How will people get access to bats and balls?	

5. How do you plan to monitor usage?
6. What added value would the outdoor table tennis tables have on your university, in terms of student experience, participation, engagement and marketing?
7. What existing provision is there for table tennis at your site and how will outdoor tables enhance this provision?

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8. Please specify any community links that the university has which will help enhance the use of the table, such as links with a local table tennis club

9. In what ways can the university maintain student participation in table tennis, in order to ensure a long term legacy from the tables?

Declaration

By signing below I confirm that I am acting on behalf of the stated University and permission for the installation of outdoor tables has been agreed with the University's Facilities Management team.

I also confirm that if this bid is successful, we will fulfil the commitments stated on this application

Signed:		**Date:**	
Name:		**Position:**	

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