



PESA Doctoral Scholarship

The Society supports doctoral students to advance serious philosophical discussion about education. It is the intention of the Doctoral awards sub-committee that one doctoral scholarship will be offered to a student working at a high level in educational philosophy and theory each year at the value of AUD\$20,000.

Applying for a PESA Doctoral Scholarship

Send your application by email to the Society secretary at secretary@pesa.org.au by 1 September. All required information must be included in one single email with attachments. If you have not had an acknowledgement of your email application within one week, please confirm with the Society secretary that your application has been received.

Your application should include, first, a completed PESA Scholarship Application Form. This form can be found on the Society website (www.pesa.org.au). Please ensure that all required information is completed. Failure to include all information will result in the application being rejected.

Second, your application should include your proposal. Applicants should provide a full description of the philosophical project in education that they are undertaking for their degree. Project descriptions should be succinct, between 3,000-5,000 words and provide a clear account of the degree project. Project descriptions which exceed 5,000 words may not be considered.

Assessment process

In general terms projects will be judged with regard to these criteria:

- a) The extent of its philosophical content.
- b) Sophistication of argument.
- c) Cogency of argument.
- d) Originality of the thesis.
- e) Depth and mastery of philosophical material.
- f) Contribution that it makes to philosophy of education or education theory.
- g) How the project extends, completes or adds to, other publications and projects that the applicant may have been involved in.

The assessment process and decision is managed by a sub-committee of the PESA executive.

Important note: The doctoral scholarship is only awarded in recognition of a high-quality application. If the subcommittee feels that no applications meet that threshold, the AUD\$20,000 formerly set aside for the scholarship will be added to the 'doctoral research activities and presentation awards'.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- a) Be enrolled as a candidate for the degree Doctor of Philosophy, or another similar doctoral degree with the agreement of the Scholarship Manager.
- b) Be working in the English language or an official language of the country they are studying in.
- c) Have at least one official supervisor who is a member of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia.
- d) At the time of application be at least in their second year of membership with the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia
- e) Not have applied for the scholarship more than once previously.

Presentation of the scholarship

The scholarship winner will be announced at the annual conference of the Society.

All scholarship winners are required to present at the annual conference of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia in the same year that the scholarship has been awarded. After this presentation, the Society will pay the recipient the first instalment of AUD\$10,000. The second instalment of AUD\$10,000 will be paid following receipt of a satisfactory progress report from the recipient's supervisors approximately six months later.

Scholarship management

The scholarship is managed for the Society by the Scholarships Manager. The Executive of the Philosophy of Education Society has the right to alter the rules of this scholarship at any time and not to award scholarships for any reason.

Relaxing provision

To provide for exceptional circumstances in a particular case, the PESA Executive, on the recommendation of scholarships subcommittee, may relax clauses (b), (c), (d) or (e) of the eligibility criteria. Regardless of the circumstances, the assessment process and eligibility criteria (a) are not subject to this relaxing provision.

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Any questions regarding the PESA Doctoral Scholarship should be directed to the PESA secretary, secretary@pesa.org.au. More information can be found on the Society web site, www.pesa.org.au.