



PESA Research Grant Guidelines

The Objects of PESA

The objects of PESA are set out in section 3 of the **Rules of the Society**:

- (1) The objects of the Society are-
 - (a) to promote the advancement of, and research and teaching in, the Philosophy of Education;
 - (b) to organise meetings and conferences on topics of interest to Philosophy of Education;
 - (c) to provide a clearinghouse of relevant published information, including a register of members, their qualifications, publications and appointments; and
 - (d) to publish appropriate material related to Philosophy of Education in the Society's journal *Educational Philosophy and Theory* and in other appropriate forms of publication.
- (2) The property and income of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects.

Consistent with (1) (a)-(d) above, the PESA Executive welcomes applications from members for grants to support research projects in philosophy of education.

Guidelines

1. Applications can be considered from anyone who has been a member of the Society for at least two years.
2. Applications must be submitted, using the 'PESA Research Grant Application Form', to the Research Grants Manager of PESA by 1 May each year to be considered for funding round 1, and by 1 October for funding round 2. Applications will be assessed by the Research Grants Sub-committee of PESA and its recommendation considered by the PESA Executive at its mid-year meeting.
3. These grants are intended to support philosophical projects in education (e.g., authored books and edited collections with a strong focus on educational philosophy and theory). Grants are not available to support empirical research projects. Exceptions may be considered where small scale empirical research (e.g., interviews or archival work) forms part of a larger philosophy of education project.
4. PESA Research Grants are not intended to support the completion of Masters or Doctoral degrees. Members seeking support toward the completion of a higher degree should consult the guidelines for the PESA Doctoral Scholarship.
5. These grants are also not intended to support the hosting of events by members. Members seeking assistance of this kind, including support for publications arising from events, should refer to the guidelines on 'Requests for financial support from PESA for hosting conferences, symposia and seminars'.

6. Any research involving human participants must be approved by the relevant ethics committee in the Principal Researcher's institution. A copy of the Ethics Approval should be appended to the application.
7. The total funds available to support research projects will normally be limited to \$10,000 (AUD) per year. The maximum funding available for any one project is \$5000 (AUD). It is anticipated that in many cases the level of funding will be lower than this. The Society reserves the right to make no grant awards in a given year. Funds must be used within one year of the date of the award.
8. Applications will be considered on their merits, with the objects of the Society in mind. The decisions of the Executive will be final and no correspondence with unsuccessful applicants will be entered into. Feedback on unsuccessful applications is not provided.
9. Applicants must indicate whether funding is also being sought, or has already been obtained, from other sources.
10. It is expected that the research undertaken with a PESA Research Grant will result in one or more publications in the field of philosophy of education. Successful applicants are also encouraged to present their findings at the annual PESA conference.
11. To be considered for support, applications *must show how the research project advances research and/or teaching in philosophy of education.*
12. A report on the project, showing how the funding has contributed to the life of the Society, detailing resulting publications, and including full disclosure of how the funds awarded have been spent, must be submitted to the Secretary of the Society within 3 months of the project being completed. Failure to do so will normally result in the successful applicant being ineligible for any future application for funding.