

PESA Doctoral Scholarships Policy

The Society supports doctoral students in order to advance serious philosophical discussion about education. The scholarship business is managed for the Society by the Scholarships Manager, Professor Jānis (John) Ozolins. All communications about this scholarship should be sent to Professor Ozolins by email (scholarship@pesa.org.au). The Society web site is at www.pesa.org.au.

VALUE

There may be two scholarships awarded each year and the total value of each is AUD10,000.00.

ANNUAL TIMETABLE

All applications in a given year must be complete and received by the Scholarship Manager, Professor Ozolins, before the 1st May in the year of application. All decisions will be finalised in advance of the annual conference of the Society.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- a) Be enrolled in a university in Australia or New Zealand; or where the applicant meets eligibility criteria (b), (c), (d) and (e), this requirement is waived.
- b) Be enrolled as a candidate for the degree Doctor of Philosophy, or another similar research degree with the agreement of the Scholarship Manager. Masters degree students are ineligible.
- c) Be working in the English language.
- d) Have at least one official supervisor who is a member of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia.
- e) Have been a member of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia at the time of application for **at least two years** – that is, be at least in their second year of membership. (Membership costs AUD100 and brings considerable benefits for those with a genuine interest in the philosophy of education. See www.pesa.org.au.)
- f) In the year of application for the scholarship, not be submitting the thesis within twelve months of the closing date of applications.
- g) Not have applied for the scholarship more than once previously.

SUBMISSION AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applicants should provide a full description of the philosophical project in education that they are undertaking for their degree. Only projects in education with significant philosophical content will be considered. 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. 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.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Send your application by email to Professor Jānis Ozolins (scholarship@pesa.org.au).

All required information must be included in one single email with attachments.

The Society will not consider incomplete applications, nor correspond with those who submit incomplete applications. If you have not had an acknowledgement of your email application within one week please email the Society secretary, Dr. Christoph Teschers (secretary@pesa.org.au) with a copy of your application.

Using the template provided, the emailed application should include the following information in a numbered list:

1. Full name of applicant.
2. Contact Details
3. Institution where enrolled.
4. Date of first enrolment for the doctoral degree.
5. Date of Confirmation seminar.
6. Projected date of submission of thesis.
7. Tentative title of the thesis.
8. 100 word summary of the thesis
9. Names of all supervisors, their institutions, and email addresses.
10. Name of one or more supervisors who are members of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia.
11. Date of commencement of PESA Membership
12. Declaration: In making this application, I agree to abide by all the terms and conditions of the Philosophy of Education Society scholarship, and confirm that the application and degree project are entirely my own work in accordance with good academic practice.

Send by email a copy of your application and its attachments to all your supervisors.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The assessment process is managed by a sub-committee of the PESA executive, chaired by the Scholarships Manager, Professor Ozolins. The assessors will be Fellows or Members of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia. An assessor may ask the applicant's supervisors to provide comment on the applicant's project. This may occur by email or by telephone. Final selection of scholarship recipients is determined by the sub-committee, following receipt of the advice of the assessors.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Society will announce the scholarship winners on the Society web site. The Society will notify applicants by email of the outcome of their application. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the assessment process.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Following notification of their receipt of the award, recipients are presented with a certificate in recognition of their achievement at the annual conference of the Society. Funds are disbursed in two instalments, one following the Annual Conference and the other following receipt of a satisfactory progress report from the recipients supervisors approximately six months later.

PRESENTATION OF A CONFERENCE PAPER

All scholarship winners are required to present one refereed paper to an annual conference of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia. After this presentation the Society will present their cheque.

VARIATION OF RULES

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.

ENQUIRIES

Send any enquires regarding this scholarship by email to the Scholarship Manager, Professor Ozolins (scholarship@pesa.org.au).