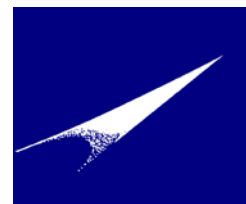


# Western Australian Institute for Educational Research

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## WAIER Annual Research Grant Information 2017

The Western Australian Institute for Educational Research was established in the 1980s for the purpose of promoting and disseminating new educational research generated, for the most part, here in Western Australia. A key activity of the Institute is the organisation of an annual research forum that provides opportunities for research students, educators and university lecturers to build networks and present their work. It has become an important forum for education students, early career researchers and established researchers to receive feedback on their work in a friendly and collegial space, and make connections across institutions.

The Institute also supports educational researchers through publication in the open access journal, *Issues in Educational Research*. This peer reviewed journal generally has four publications per year.

WAIER has established an Annual Research Grant programme. WAIER seeks to support educational researchers by (1) providing small funds to researchers who do not have ready access to funds or resources; and/or (2) providing a small seeding fund for new projects. The research conducted must be directly relevant to early childhood, primary, secondary or tertiary education. This grant is primarily to support early career educational researchers but does not exclude more established researchers. Early career educational researchers are able to apply for **both** this Research Grant and the WAIER Early Career Award (see <http://www.waier.org.au/awards?c=awards>).

The total grant money is **\$2000** and the WAIER Committee may apportion this money to one or more applicants, according to merit. The research grant may be used for purposes including, but not limited to:

- (i) Education e.g. Fees associated with attending a Forum, Conference, Tertiary Unit
- (ii) Resources e.g. The costs of purchasing a textbook, digital recorder, software purchase (e.g. data analysis)
- (iii) Professional Services e.g. Payment to an individual for services rendered to transcribe qualitative data, or to analyse quantitative data
- (iv) Travel e.g. Costs involved with travelling to a Forum, Conference, or other activity linked to the proposed research project

To be eligible applicants must:

1. Be WAIER members
2. Either reside in Australia or have a visa that will be valid for the duration of the grant

The application should:

1. Provide an outline of the proposed study. This must include the project title, aims, timelines, methods, benefits and purpose of the study, and detailed budget (Maximum 2 pages)
2. If appropriate, provide ethics approval from their institution and/or the research site where the research will be conducted, i.e. a school. Evidence in writing will need to be obtained before funding is released.

3. If the applicant is applying for conference funding or study assistance that is not associated with a specific project, then details of the activity and proposed research benefits must be clearly outlined.
4. Supply supporting letters from two referees who may also be approached for information about the applicant. Referees should be conversant with the proposed study or project and/or attest to the capacity of the applicant to undertake such research.
5. Supply a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) (max. 4 pages)
6. Document if receiving other sources of funding.

**Criteria for assessment:**

Proposals will be assessed on the basis of (as relevant):

- Clear statement of the problem (how the problem will be addressed), and research question/s
- Clear statement of relevance and value of proposed use of funds for professional educational or conference purposes
- Rigour of methodological approach
- Practical and theoretical significance
- Ethical value (i.e. has ethical consent been sought from the nationally relevant bodies?[if applicable])
- Feasibility of 1 year time frame for completion
- Value for money – clear indication of how funds will be used
- Researcher(s) has/have demonstrated sufficient expertise/relevance
- Realistic plan for dissemination of results (to include required presentation at WAIER Forum and likelihood of publishing findings in educational journal)
- Style of writing and clarity of the proposal

**How the program works:**

To confirm that the money has been spent in accordance with the budget, grant recipient(s) will be required to submit the WAIER Grant Acquittal Form within 30 days of the completion of the project. Applicants will be required to provide receipts for all expenses that require funding. Any queries about the funding may be directed to the WAIER Treasurer Dr Gregory Hine (email: [gregory.hine@nd.edu.au](mailto:gregory.hine@nd.edu.au)).

If successful, applicants will be required to:

- a. Ensure the funding is used within a 12 month period from the notification of the success of the application. Any extensions are to be requested via the Annual Progress Report.
- b. Write a Progress and/or Completion report to the Research Grants Committee and submit an expenditure account at the end of twelve months and/or the conclusion of the research (whichever occurs first).

The Completion report should be a:

- One-page summary, in layman's terms, outlining key outcomes and/or findings achieved in relation to the research project
  - Signed financial acquittal (WAIER Grant Acquittal Form), verifying expenditure of grant monies received
  - List of any publications, clearly identifying whether (a) published, (b) in press, (c) submitted for publication, or (d) in preparation, unpublished papers and conference presentations arising from this research project, acknowledging the support of WAIER, or other research-related outcomes and
- c. Refund any unexpended grant funds.
  - d. Present an oral presentation at the annual WAIER Forum and also provide a synopsis of their research/findings for the WAIER website.

- e. Successful applicants are encouraged to submit an article to the journal *Issues in Educational Research*. In any publication, regardless of the journal, the contribution of the WAIER Research Grant must be acknowledged.

**How to apply:**

Submit application 'Attention To': Research Grants Committee, Western Australian Institute for Educational Research via email to [research-grants@waier.org.au](mailto:research-grants@waier.org.au)

Applications will close **16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**. After all the applications submitted are reviewed by the Research Grants Committee the successful applicant(s) will be notified by the end of June, 2017. The successful recipient will also be announced at the **WAIER Research Forum at The University of Notre Dame Australia on the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**. As part of the selection process, applicants may be required to deliver a short presentation to the Research Grants Committee.