



Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia Inc

Roger Landbeck Professional Development Fund Grant Guidelines

Objectives of the fund

The fund aims at supporting early career researchers from the Oceania region in their development as researchers and in connecting with their home communities. The fund aims at supporting the creation of hubs of sharing or communities of practice among early career researchers. It recognizes the importance of two-directional knowledge flows between researchers and communities and honours the knowledge of those communities.

What the fund offers

The recipient receives up to AUD 5,000 to be spent on activities directly related to the project agreed on. This can be travel related costs (e.g., the researcher travelling to their home community in carrying out the project tasks), costs related to attending/presenting at a conference/hui (e.g., preparation of a project activity and/or sharing project findings), research costs (e.g., hosting participants, expenses related to culturally appropriate interactions with participants, gaining access to resources such as accessing research articles, preparing/creating research/project materials).

For cost that occur in Australia please state the GST component. For cost in other countries provide GST-inclusive figures. The total funds available per grant are AUD 5,000 plus the Australian GST components.

The recipient will be connected with a mentor from the HERDSA community who will provide research support over the duration of the project (from the award of the grant to the submission of the final project report). This mentor will be appointed in consultation with the grant recipient.

What the fund expects

Applicants need to specify a project that is in line with the objectives of the fund and can be carried out with the help of the resources on offer. The timeline of the project is flexible. As a guideline the project activities specified as part of the fund should be completed within two years. It would be welcome if follow up activities (e.g., ongoing communications and exchanges) would continue beyond this timeframe, supporting the ongoing professional development of both the grant recipient and their home community.

The project needs to benefit both the applicant and their home community. Home community refers to the indigenous or cultural or ethnic group of the applicant. The home community can be located in the same region the applicant lives or works or researches in or in a different region.

The project needs to be embedded in scholarly knowledge (from an indigenous or Western perspective) and aim at sharing and/or extending this knowledge with a practical application or component.

The project findings need to be made available to the HERDSA community in some form (e.g., via a report for the HERDSA website, a presentation at the HERDSA conference, in one of the publications provided by HERDSA, such as HERD, ASRHE, HERDSA Connect).

The project findings need to be made visible to communities wider than the home community involved in the project (e.g., other indigenous or cultural or ethnic groups with related interest or needs), supporting the aim for the project to live on, to give support and inspiration to others. How this is done depends on the project (e.g., via information on a website, in a research publication, in community resources) and it is feasible that the presentation of project outcomes directed at the HERDSA and wider communities overlap.

Who can apply and what needs to be considered for the application

Early career researchers from the Oceania region who experience disadvantage due to indigenous, economic, rural, regional, or cultural isolation or prejudice can apply. Applicants need to outline why they see themselves as early career researchers, how they relate to the Oceania region, and what disadvantage they face.

Applicants need to explain their connections to their home communities and how those connections will enable them to carry out the project.

Applicants need to explain potential obstacles in carrying out the project (e.g., availability of participants, ethics requirements, cultural issues) and how they intend to overcome those.

Applicants do not have to be in a formal research position. They do not need to be employed at a higher education institution. It is important that applicants show that they have the skills and knowledge and the time to carry out the proposed project.

It is essential that costs are justified in terms of their contribution to the project success. At application stage an initial cost estimate needs to be provided. This estimate can be adjusted within the upper limit as the project plans are firmed up and the project develops.

The grant recipient is expected to stay in regular contact with their mentor (e.g., monthly) and to provide a brief project update every six months to project completion. The grant recipient will send their report to HERDSA. HERDSA will invite the mentor to comment on the report and share the

mentor's comments with the grant recipient who will be able to respond with comments confidentially to HERDSA. The final project report will follow the same reporting sequence.

HERDSA acknowledges the dynamic nature of projects and will attempt to accommodate changes in project plans while also considering the needs of the HERDSA community and the objectives of this fund.

How to apply

Applications are due on 31 July 2023 and to be submitted to the HERDSA secretariat at office@herdsa.org.au using the RLPDF application form.

Please direct all questions related to the grant application to the HERDSA office (office@herdsa.org.au).