IPAA/ University of Canberra

Public Administration Research Trust Fund 2017

Call for Applications for Grants
1. In order to advance the study and practice of public administration, the Institute of Public Administration Australia and the University of Canberra jointly operate a Research Trust Fund.

2. Grants are made annually for the conduct of research studies and other projects in public administration and for the publication of articles in refereed journals or monographs ensuing from such research studies or projects. While publication in such outlets is preferable, the committee would consider other forms of publication. A primary objective is the stimulation of original research in the field.

3. A Joint Committee administers the Fund and approves research studies and other projects to be financed from the Fund. Inquiries may be directed to members of the Committee. Current members are:

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4. Applications are now invited for year 2017 grants. These should be lodged by 6 October 2017. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications before the end of 2017.

5. Applications for grants to support research projects on subjects relevant to public administration are welcome from public sector employees, academics in all tertiary education institutions, and people undertaking private research, including graduates in all these sectors. The maximum amount of a grant under this scheme will be $10,000. As in previous years, applications for smaller grants are welcome.

6. Grants are made to assist with the costs of doing research, including travel and administration expenses, and may include the cost of employing a research assistant. Funds will not be granted: to cover the cost of the applicant’s time spent on the project, for example a ‘buyout’ of a lecturer’s teaching hours or an hourly consulting fee; to fund projects that should be funded by government departments as employer; to purchase assets or computer software; or to help finance a study tour or the like. Support may be given for work on a research thesis, but the applicant must give a prior commitment to publish outcomes in accordance with paragraph 7(b).

7. In determining the award of the Research Trust Fund grants, the Joint Committee:
   (a) may seek advice from any source on the quality of the research to be undertaken or previous work of any kind carried out by the applicant;
   (b) will give weight to the likelihood of the results of the research being accepted for publication in a learned journal or other authoritative publication within three years of the grant being awarded;
   (c) will take into account other sources of funding or services available to the applicant for the project cited.

8. The grantee will normally be expected to have completed the research within two years. A recipient of a grant whose work for which the grant was awarded does not result in publication in a book, professional journal or refereed monograph within five years of the grant being made will not be eligible for any further grants.

9. Applications for grants should be no more than five pages in length. They must be submitted by email and include:
   • the applicant’s full address, including name of employing department, agency or academic institution, if employed;
   • project title;
   • a description of the project (up to 500 words);
   • an expenditure budget (giving full justification for the funds sought);
   • details of other grants etc. received or applied for in connection with the proposed project;
   • names of at least two referees, one of whom should not be associated with the applicant’s home institution.

10. Please note that the closing date for 2017 applications is 6 October 2017 and no extensions will be granted.
Applications should be sent to:

The Secretary
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Public Administration Research Trust Fund

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