

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH TRUST FUND

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2021



SUPPORTING RESEARCH
IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION

THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AUSTRALIA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA SEEK TO ADVANCE THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THEIR JOINT MANAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH TRUST FUND.

PURPOSE

The Fund aims to stimulate original research in the field of public administration and applied research relevant to public sector practitioners. Grants are made annually for the conduct of research studies and other projects for future publication.

RESEARCH THEMES

Australia's public sector responded exceptionally well to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. As government moves to roll out a mass vaccination program to protect its population of nearly 25.7 million Australians, the Fund is especially interested in supporting research that examines public service transformation agendas, capability, collaboration, federal-state relations, governance and integrity, and inclusion and diversity.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

A total of \$15,000 is available for new research projects in 2021.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING

Applications for grant funding are invited from public sector employees, academics from tertiary education sector, and people undertaking private research (including graduates in all these sectors).

The maximum grant value is \$10,000. Applications for smaller grants are welcome.

Grants are made to assist with the costs of doing research – including travel and administration expenses – and may include research assistant costs.

Grant funding is not available to:

- consultancies
- cover the cost of the applicant's time spent on the project (e.g. a 'buyout' of a lecturer's teaching hours or an hourly consulting fee)
- projects better funded by a government department as the applicant's employer
- purchase assets or computer software
- help finance conference attendance, a study tour or similar.

Grant applications should be a maximum of five pages and must include:

- the applicant's full address and contact details
- the name of their employing department, agency, or academic institution (if employed)
- a title for the research project
- a description of the project and how it aligns with the Fund's 2021 research themes (in 500 words or less)
- an outline of the proposed research outputs
- a project budget (with justification for the funding sought)
- details of other grants or funding applied for or received
- names and contact details for at least two referees, one of whom should not be associated with the applicant's current institution or organisation.

CLOSING DATE AND LODGEMENT

Applications must be addressed to the Trust Fund Secretary and lodged by email by the close of business on Friday 28 May 2021, via Lorna.Evans@canberra.edu.au

ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

The Fund is administered by a Joint Committee with representatives from IPAA and the University of Canberra's Institute for Governance & Policy Analysis.

The assessment of applications received will not only consider the contribution the research project is likely to make to the Fund's 2021 research themes, but also the likelihood that the research may be accepted for publication by a respected journal, or other authoritative publication, within three years of the grant being awarded.

The Joint Committee will also consider whether or not the proposed research project would be better funded through other research grant programs.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OUTCOMES

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by 30 June 2021.

EXPECTATIONS ON GRANT RECIPIENTS

It is expected that grant recipients will:

1. complete the research within a two-year period
2. provide progress reports at six-monthly intervals
3. publish the results of the research in a refereed journal or another form of publication
4. provide a final report on completion that identifies the publication output
5. be willing to communicate their research findings at events or via digital media — such as webinars or podcasts — organised by IPAA and the University of Canberra.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FUTURE FUNDING

Any grant recipient whose work does not result in publication in a refereed journal or another form of publication within five years of the grant being awarded will not be eligible for future grants from the Fund.

