

FACULTY OF EDUCATION**Research Students Grant
Guidelines****AIM**

The Faculty of Education has allocated funds to assist ACU postgraduate students wishing to progress their research by either:

OR *Attending a Conference*
 Undertaking a small project

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are invited from postgraduate research students who are undertaking a thesis/research project with a credit point value of at least 40. Applications can be collaborative and must have the support of the supervisor(s). Applicants must have completed their doctoral seminar.

GUIDELINES

1. ACU staff attending the University are eligible
2. The designated funding amount will be granted for research activities and purchases associated with the cost of attending the conference only.
3. In regards to Conference attendance, support will only be provided to those applicants who are presenting papers at the conference.
4. Funding will be limited to a maximum of \$500 per applicant in any one year.
5. Students will be eligible for this funding once per year (total of 3) during their candidature for one degree, but late applications will be considered after 1st October, depending on the availability of funds.
6. **Budget costs** should be shown in A\$. Items for which funds may be requested include:
 - Attendance at appropriate conferences where students are making presentations.
 - Access to specialized libraries
 - Purchase of specialized computer software, databases, texts (including copies of dissertations) and equipment ***
 - Postage of questionnaires/survey instruments associated with the research
 - Transcription costs
 - Field work

*****The Purchase of Texts**

Full bibliographic details need to be provided for the books to be purchased, PLUS the application must include verification from the Campus Librarian that the books are not available through the services of the ACU library via interlibrary loan. If books are approved for purchase, the student will have priority to borrow these, but otherwise, they will be retained in the Library for usage by other University members. All funded texts, including copies of dissertations, will be returned to the University Library for keeping once a student has finished the course.

The Purchase of Software

In this case the University will own the license and the software will normally be installed on a computer in the Postgraduate Student Room on the appropriate campus.

The Purchase of Databases

In this case the University will also own the license and the database will normally be installed through the library.

Funding is not available for: stationery or for the purchase of computers, printers and modems for individual students since such equipment and materials is provided on each campus of the University for higher degree research students. Funding is also not available for the costs associated with the production of a thesis. A candidate's previous successful applications for grants, candidate's enrolment status (full/part time), and candidate's progress in their course may be taken into account when fund allocation is determined.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application within six weeks of the closing date. Any further queries regarding this grant, please direct them to Associate Professor Elizabeth Warren, Chair, Research and Postgraduate Standing Committee, email: e.warren@mcauley.acu.edu.au

CLOSING DATE: July and December