

**NSW PSYCHOLOGIST REGISTRATION BOARD**  
**EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS**  
**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS**

**1. AIM**

To provide opportunities for Psychologists to obtain funding to undertake projects in accord with the objective of the Psychologists Act 2001, that is, to "protect the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that psychologists are fit to practice".

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

Grants are made to applicants who must be Psychologists registered in New South Wales. The NSW Psychologists Registration Board ('the Board') will not generally make funds available for research conducted outside New South Wales. Awarded grants may be made to individuals, groups or institutions. Individual chief investigators cannot hold more than one grant at any one time.

**3. TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED**

The Board funds education and research projects. Examples of types of projects supported include:

- Research studies relevant to enhancing professional psychology training and practice which will be of benefit to the public
- Publication and distribution of information concerning the NSW Psychologists Act 2001 and Regulations
- Production of videos or information kits of relevance to professional psychology practice or the education of the public about these issues
- Development of new education courses of benefit to pre or post registration psychologists
- Prepare, co-ordinate and conduct conferences of relevance to the profession
- Policy development or workforce planning relevant to the profession

**4. DURATION AND FUNDING LEVELS OF GRANTS**

Grants are normally funded up to the level of \$50,000 per year per application, with a maximum of 2 years duration. Smaller grants of shorter duration are encouraged, in each case a clear justification of budget expenditure should be given.

**5. PRIORITY AREAS**

- Applications within the nominated priority area(s) are strongly encouraged. The current priority area(s) are:
- Education and research on the supervision of psychologists
- Prepare/co-ordinate and conduct a one day conference on training, registration and careers in psychology

**6. BUDGET ITEMS NOT SUPPORTED**

The Board will not fund the purchase of capital equipment.

**7. APPLICATION PROCESS**

Four (4) copies of the application must be submitted to the Board and must include the following:

- Name of applicant(s) and contact details, current affiliations and positions, Registration number and years registered
- Descriptive title of project
- Description of the project aims, significance, background, methods, expected outcomes and benefits (no more than 3 pages, minimum font size of 10pts)
- Budget and a half page (maximum) justification for budget items
- Reference list of publications cited in application
- A curriculum vitae of each named applicant must be attached to the application, that includes the following headings: academic qualifications and memberships, previous positions held, previous awards, grants and publications

**8. CLOSING DATE:**

**30 November** for commencement on 1 February the following year. Expressions of interest may from time to time be advertised for specific projects outside this date. **Late applications will not be considered.**

**9. SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS**

A grant awarding committee comprising Board and independent members reviews all applications. Independent peer review of applications may also be sought. The grant awarding committee recommends funding, however the final approval and authorisation of grants is made by the Board. Projects are awarded funding based on merit, relevance to the aims and the Boards mission under the Psychologists Act 2001, and of benefit to the community. Approval for individual budget items are at the discretion of the grant awarding committee. The decision of awarding committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the decision. Applicants are informed of the outcome of their application within 3 months of the closing date.

**10. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

A report on the outcomes of the project must be submitted to the Board no later than three (3) months from the conclusion of the project. An interim report on the progress of the project is required to be submitted to the Board at six (6) monthly intervals or as determined by the Board.