

Student Equity in Higher Education Research Grants Program

Proposal Coversheet

	(Applicant to complete this column)
Proposal title No more than 10 words	
Organisation details Name and address of the organisation/s submitting the proposal	
Contact details Name, title, address and contact numbers (phone, fax, email) of the person NCSEHE should contact in relation to the proposal	
Chief researcher(s) details Name and organisation	
Proposed budget (excluding GST)	
Is this project part of any other program or initiative for which you have received funding?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Business Number (ABN)	
Is this organisation registered for GST?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Proposal

Please note:

Your proposal should not exceed 10 pages.
Please use 11-point Arial font, and do not change the margin sizes.
Refer to **Section 2: Guidelines for proposals** in the **Instructions for applicants**

1. Project Abstract (100 words or less)

2. Please indicate with an X: (a) Equity Groups; (b) Research Priority Area (More than one category possible)

Equity Groups

- Low SES (school leavers)
- Low SES (mature, >25 yrs)
- Regional or Remote Students
- Indigenous Students
- Students with Disabilities
- Other (please specify) _____

Research Priority Area (see Section 1.2 of the Instruction for Applicants for a full description)

1. Cost and related constraints to university attendance by students.
2. The impact of increased access and uncapping of places on student applications, admissions, performance and post-university outcomes.
3. ATAR: strengths, weaknesses, alternatives – from an equity viewpoint.
4. The impact of schools on equity students and their aspirations to achieve entry to university.
5. Indigenous student issues.
6. Technology and the impact of mode of study on access and participation.
7. Access, participation and performance issues of equity students who have not traditionally been targeted.
8. Evaluation of equity programs in terms of their effectiveness in relation to student recruitment, retention and performance.

Research Approach

1. Innovative use of data sources.
2. Comparative.
3. Interdisciplinary.

3. Outline research project and intended purpose and outcomes

4. Research Project Details

(a) Key research topics and question to be addressed

(b) Methodology (including data sources)

(c) Timeframe (including milestones)

(d) Deliverables - products and outputs

5. Research experience and expertise

6. Organisation details

7. Quality assurance and project management

8. Risk management

Category	Risk	Likelihood*	Impact*	Management strategies
Staff	Possible loss of key researchers (including proposed leave or secondment arrangements, other work commitments)			
Project management & coordination	Lack of communication across research teams and with NCSEHE			
Methodology	Survey development/clearance, sample identification and response rates			
	<i>Others as identified</i>			
Adherence to timelines				
<i>Others as identified</i>				

* Categorise as high (H), medium (M) or low (L)

9. Budget

Please insert additional line items if applicable to the proposal.

It is anticipated that the majority of grants will be for projects between AUD \$25,000 and \$75,000 (excluding GST), although other amounts may be considered.

Please note that in view of the equity focus of the research, Curtin University has waived normal overhead costs for the NCSEHE and would welcome a similar commitment from applicants.

Costs for the life of the program (AUD)			
Budget item	Number of days	Daily Rate (excl GST)	Amount (excl GST)
Chief researcher			
Other research staff			
Other			
Clerical/other support staff			
Quality assurance cost (<i>please specify</i>)			
Data extraction/gathering			
Survey technical report			
Other cost			
Sub-total (excluding GST)			
GST			
Total (including GST)			

Appendices

1 page résumé and referees per individual researcher.

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