

Society for Educational Studies**70th anniversary of the *British Journal of Educational Studies*****National Award Call for Proposals****The Transformative Work of Teachers**

The Society for Educational Studies invites bids from researchers interested in making an original contribution to knowledge in the field of educational studies. The theme for the 2022 National Award is: **The Transformative Work of Teachers.**

The theme of the National Award 2022 will double as the theme of the SES Annual Colloquium in 2023 (to be held at Oriel College, Oxford in September 2023). The theme of the transformative work of teachers speaks to a number of different aspects of educational research. The themes presented below offer suggested areas for a proposal to consider. These themes are intended to provide focus to any application, whilst offer scope and breadth for researchers to investigate novel and original directions.

This focus for the 2022 National Award brings together current thinking in the area and aims to fund a piece of leading research that will build on existing work, spotlight teachers at the centre of any new social contract for education, and reemphasise the unique and valued role that teachers hold in society. The recent *Reimagining Our Futures Together* report by UNESCO ([2021](#)) is one report that foregrounds the transformative work of teachers in the current context, but prospective applicants do not need to limit their proposals to only this report. This National Award seeks to build on previous funding opportunities that the Society has offered in the areas of Social Organisation of Educational Studies, Race and Education, New Technologies in Education.

The Society is opening a call for proposals for its National Award of £100,000-£175,000 for researchers with a strong record of accomplishment of relevant research and publications who can address one or more of the following themes:

- Teacher Retention;
- Recasting teaching as a collaborative profession;
- Teachers as researchers;
- The teacher in the classroom;
- Meaning and purpose in teaching;
- Teacher professionalism;
- The changing shape of teacher education;
- Teacher development;
- Transformative pedagogies.

Applicants are encouraged to consider the impact of proposed work, and are encouraged to seek partnerships with school-based researchers and practitioners.

Eligibility

Principal Investigators applying for the Society for Educational Studies National Award of up to £175,000 must be employed at a British university, college or school. The Society for Educational

Studies accepts proposals from education institutions and/or researchers from within the United Kingdom.

Principal Investigators are responsible for securing appropriate ethical approvals through the lead institution for all research that is conducted, as well as liaising with participating organisations and securing additional ethical approvals where necessary.

Outputs

Applicants are encouraged to be creative in their outputs and consider those that will create meaningful and tangible influence and impact. The successful applicant will be required to produce a full research report within the grant timeframe, which will be – on acceptance by the Society – displayed on the Society's website. The Society also require at least one article to be submitted for publication in the *British Journal of Educational Studies*, and a formal presentation to be given at the Annual Colloquium in September 2023 (dates TBC).

Proposal Submission Guidelines and Review Process

Principal Investigators are asked to submit a proposal before **Midday Sunday 1st May 2022** following the guidelines below. Applications will be assessed by the Executive members of the Society and applicants will be informed by Friday 13th May 2022 whether they have been short-listed. If invited, short-listed researchers will be expected to make a presentation before members of the Executive Committee of the Society for Educational Studies at a meeting in central London on a date to be confirmed.

Completed applications should be sent by email to Aidan Thompson at a.p.thompson@bham.ac.uk **by Midday 1st May 2022**.

Further information is available below.

Proposal Application

The proposal submission must include the following elements:

1. Proposal Cover Sheet;
2. Contact Information of Principal Investigator(s);
3. Proposal Narrative;
4. Financial Statement;
5. Curriculum Vitae of Principal Investigator;
6. Financial Statement of Proposed Costs. (The SES is not able to meet full economic costing [FEC] on account of its charitable status);
7. List of Proposed Outputs;
8. Letter of support from host institution (i.e. the institution where the grant will be held. This would usually come from the faculty Director of Research or equivalent).

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National Award Application

Proposal Cover Sheet

Administering Organisation Information (must be UK-based, and where the PI holds an affiliation)

Name of Host Organisation:

Name of Person for Correspondence:

Email:

Address:

Website/Social Media:

Proposal Information

Project Title:

Requested Amount (£100,000-£175,000):

Duration (not longer than 24 months):

Start Date (proposed start date is 1/9/2022):

Projected Date of Completion (must not be more than 24 months from Start Date):

Contact Information of Principal Investigator(s)

Applicants should provide the following information for each principal investigator and co-investigator.

Name:

Title:

Department/School:

Organisation/Institution:

Address:

Direct Tel No:

Email:

Contact Information of Co-Investigator(s)

Name:

Title:

Department/School:

Organisation/Institution:

Address:

Direct Tel No:

Email:

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be no longer than 1,000 words, not including references. Please use the space below. It should encompass:

- a description of the project and the central research question(s);
- a brief summary of the relevant literature and the relationship of the proposed research to that literature;
- a detailed, yet concise summary of the conceptual framework, research methods, data collection instruments, and modes of analysis that the project will employ;
- The new contribution to knowledge expected to result from the proposed research, and the significance of the project both for contributing to the existing literature and for improving educational and other kinds of outcomes;
- A list of substantive project outputs that will be produced (to include a final research report, submission of a paper to the *British Journal of Educational Studies*, and a proposal for a presentation at the 2023 Annual Colloquium);
- The nature of any partnership with other educational institutions or voluntary sector organisations.

***Curriculum Vitae* of the Principal Investigator(s)**

Each *Curriculum Vitae* should be no longer than 5 pages (PIs) and no more than 2 pages (Co-Is).

(inserted below or attached as an appendix)

Financial Statement of Proposed Costs

Applicants need to prepare a one page summary statement of costs. Costs must not include more than 20% overheads for salaries. The financial statement must be broken down clearly into all the elements of the costs. Applicants may claim only part salaries for themselves and research staff. The total grant is up to £175,000 and it will be paid in four instalments over two years. Full economic costs [FEC] cannot be paid.

List of Proposed Outputs

Letter of support from lead institution (inserted below or attached as an appendix)

Submission Instructions

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Review Process

Applications will be assessed by Executive Members of the Society and applicants will be informed by Friday 13th May 2022 whether they have been short-listed.*

Criteria for Review

The criteria the Society will use in evaluating proposals are the:

- likelihood that answers to the research questions will advance understanding about the overall theme and specific focus you select for the project;
- implications for educational improvement, including, but not limited to, the field of educational studies, curricula, pedagogy;
- methodological rigour and the appropriateness of the research design to the research questions;
- generalisability of the study beyond the project's specific populations and research sites.

All applications should be sent to Aidan Thompson (a.p.thompson@bham.ac.uk)

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview. Interviews will be held in central London on a date to be confirmed.

* NOTE: The decision of the Executive of SES is final in this procedure and the Society will not enter into negotiation or provide any feedback to applicants who are unsuccessful. The Society is also unable to provide further guidance than what is described above. Only very specific technical questions about the application procedure will be answered and such questions should be addressed in writing via email to the Society for Educational Studies via its Administrator Aidan Thompson at a.p.thompson@bham.ac.uk