



# Society Educational Studies 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Awards

Insights that Cultivate Wisdom in Education

## Guidelines

### Purpose of the Awards

As part of its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, the Society for Educational Studies invites applications from teachers and lecturers in early years settings, schools, academy trusts, sixth forms, and colleges of Further Education (FE) who are interested in conducting research around the broad theme of *Insights that Cultivate Wisdom in Education*. Research projects could be practice-based investigations, policy analyses, or a philosophical consideration of themes in related areas, up to a budget of £10,000.

### Who is eligible?

#### Applicants must meet the following criteria

- Applicants must be employed at a nursery/early year setting, in a school, academy trust, sixth form college, or FE college and be resident in the UK.
- Applicants must have at least a higher degree (e.g., a masters-level qualification or higher).
- Applications for collaborative research projects between teacher/lecturers in FE/sixth form colleges are welcome.
- Applicants will be expected to provide a letter of support from their head of school or college confirming that they will be supported during the year, including time for research, as appropriate.

### Eligible Costs

- Funds may be spent on directly incurred costs related to the planning, conducting, developing, and dissemination of the research project.
- A maximum of £5,000 may be spent on 'cover' or salary costs, which can include supply cover costs.

### Ineligible Costs

- Grants will not be made to fund higher research degrees or costs associated with tuition, nor international travel (unless a strong case can be made for why overseas travel is required to fulfill the project aims).



- Applications that include ‘bought in’ research consultants will not be funded, unless an explicit case can be made for why data collection, analysis, etc cannot be undertaken by the project investigators.

## Expectations

Successful applicants will commit to the following:

- Research is expected to be carried out in line with [BERA ethical guidelines](#);
- The completion of the project is expected before 31 July 2026;
- The presentation of a paper at the Society for Educational Studies Annual Colloquium, to be held at Oriel College, Oxford in September 2026.
- The submission of an interim report to the Society for Educational Studies after c.6 months, with a final report due within 2 months of the end of the project (no later than September 2026).
- Attendance at a celebratory dinner and networking event with fellow applicants (date and venue TBC).
- The proactive dissemination of research findings is expected, with a minimum requirement of a blog/publication in a professional or academic journal/other relevant outlet.

## Timeline

1200 28 February 2025	Deadline for the submission of applications
1700 15 March 2025	Applicants will be informed if they are successful
1 July 2025	Successful awards will be expected to begin
1 July 2026	Projects will be completed

Completed application forms should be emailed to [soc.for.ed.studies@gmail.com](mailto:soc.for.ed.studies@gmail.com) no later than 1200 on 28 February 2025, with required attachments (see below). Late applications will not be accepted. Feedback on unsuccessful bids will not be possible.



## Application Form

Applicant	Surname:	First name(s):
Co-applicant(s) (if any) (insert new rows per co-applicant)		

Highest academic qualification (for each applicant)	
Present Employer and address (of lead applicant or the proposed host of the project)	
Telephone (lead applicant)	
Email (all applicants)	

Aims of proposed research (up to 200 words in clear language that may be included on the SES website in a list of awards if successful)	
Rationale for the research (up to 300 words)	
Research Design (up to 500 words including any ethical issues foreseen and how these will be mitigated)	



Proposed Outcomes (up to 200 words)	
Proposed Outputs (up to 100 words)	

Proposed Costings (can be completed on a separate Excel file or detailed below)

Description of Cost	Cost (£)
<b>Total Costs (£10,000 maximum)</b>	

### Required attachments

Please attach a full CV for each applicant (.docx or .pdf file).

Please attach a letter of support from your headteacher/CEO/Principal (.docx or .pdf file).

### Submission information

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