



Terms of Reference for the “ASPERA Creative Practice Research Seed Grant”

ASPERA is offering the ‘ASPERA Creative Practice Research Seed Grant’ to encourage the expansion of screen-related creative practice research projects by members of the Association. It aims to support new and early career researchers and facilitate collaborative cross-institutional research between two or more member institutions by contributing directly to such research activities or assisting in the preparation and submission of major grant applications leading to an increase in creative practice research outcomes.

In 2015 the ASPERA executive have allocated a total budget of \$7500 toward funding seed grants for 2015/2016. The amount available for future offerings of this grant will be based on funds available each year and revised annually at the executive level.

Criteria for applications include:

- Applications are to be made on the **Creative Practice Research Seed Grant Application**, available under the Research tab on the ASPERA website.
- Projects should have a creative practice component supported by the proposing member institutions, or lead to an application for an external grant from a State or Federal agency for a project including a creative practice research outcome.
- Projects should have identified creative practice research outcomes that assist in the recognition of ASPERA’s core aims and objectives.
- Collaborative projects between member institutions are encouraged.
- All projects must involve at least one member institution. In the case of collaborative projects, at least one investigator must be from a full member institution.
- Projects are expected to be completed (either to commencement of the creative project or submission of external grant application) in 12 months and budgets can range from \$1000 to a maximum of \$2500.

- Ethics and Safety issues must be considered and clearances are to be managed by the lead institution.
- Grant money must be spent on approved projects. Any changes in project content and budget must be approved by the ASPERA Executive.
- Priority will be given to funding applications being awarded to applicants who have not been funded previously.
- Project outcomes are to be reported at the AGM/conference annually.

Assessment of Applications will be completed by a panel of four, made up of:

- two members of the current ASPERA Executive;
- one past president of ASPERA (or acknowledged researcher), and
- one 'other' ASPERA member.

The Assessment Panel's decision will be ratified by the Executive and applicants will be notified of the outcome before the end of the calendar year.

Criteria for Review of Creative Practice Research Seed Grant submissions:

Researcher Name:

Project title:

Lead Institutions:

Other institutions:

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Comments:

Recommendation: Recommend Funding, or Do not Recommend Funding.