The Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain promotes the study, teaching and application of philosophy of education. The Society welcomes applications for grants to support activities that further these aims.

In particular, the Society seeks to support:
- high quality research with a substantial philosophical component and with educational relevance;
- advanced scholarship and study in philosophy of education producing books, articles, podcasts etc;
- seminars, meetings and other activities aimed at the sharing, application and further development of scholarly work in the philosophy of education;
- projects which link Philosophy of Education directly with areas of policy and practice including teacher education;
- early and mid-career academics to produce publications and lead high-profile seminars;
- projects which link Philosophy of Education directly with other areas of educational research in the social sciences and humanities.

The Large Grants Scheme is comprised of three categories:

1. **Doctoral Studentships**
2. **Seminar Series Grants**
3. **Miscellaneous Grants**

1. **Doctoral Studentships**
   - **Aim:** tuition fee contribution for full-time and part-time students pursuing doctorates in philosophy of education or doctorates in education which involve a substantial amount of work in the philosophy of education, normally at UK universities.
   - **Size of award and eligible costs:** Varies. The Society will normally distribute up to £15,000 in total for doctoral support in one year. Grants will be made on a yearly basis; students in receipt of a grant will be eligible to apply the following year for further support subject to receipt of a satisfactory report on
the previous grant. Students who are likely to stay in the UK will be prioritised. No subsistence, fieldwork or equipment costs are eligible for support. Please note that awards start in October of the next academic year and do not apply retroactively.

- **Eligibility**: Grants are available to students whatever their stage of completion and whatever their status as full or part-time. Confirmation of status by the host institution is required.
- **Frequency**: Annually, subject to availability of funding.
- **Applications accepted from**: 11 November 2019
- **Deadline for applications**: 13 January 2020
- **Results expected**: End of March 2020
- **Tuition fees covered from**: October 2020

2. **Seminar Series Grants**
   - **Aim**: support for the organisation of seminar series in the philosophy of education.
   - **Size of award and eligible costs**: up to £10,000 to cover venue and equipment rental, catering, speaker travel and accommodation, and consumables and dissemination costs. Costs not eligible for support include: speaker fees, the purchase of equipment, and indirect costs. This award is designed to support focused collaborative study; priority will be given to proposals which can demonstrate a clear plan for publication, e.g. a themed Special Issue of a Journal.
   - **Frequency**: annually.
   - **Applications accepted from**: 11 November 2019
   - **Deadline for applications**: 13 January 2020
   - **Results expected**: End of March 2020
   - **Research/meetings to take place on or after**: 1 May 2020

3. **Miscellaneous Grants**
   - **Aim**: support for initiatives not covered by the other categories but aimed at the sharing, application and/or further development of scholarly work in the philosophy of education.
   - **Size of award and eligible costs**: up to £3000 one-off grants to support one-off seminars, seed corn research meetings, and other qualifying initiatives.
   - **Frequency**: annually, depending on availability of funds.
   - **Applications accepted from**: 11 November 2019
   - **Deadline for applications**: 13 January 2020
   - **Results expected**: End of March 2020
   - **Activities to take place on or after**: 1 May 2020
Who can apply?

All members of the PESGB who have held membership for at least one year at the date of submitting the application are eligible to apply. Please see the section headed 'Multiple applications and return applicants' for further details on eligibility.

Applicants are normally expected to be affiliated to a higher education institution and to be able to demonstrate an ongoing interest in the proposed field of research. In the case of applications for doctoral studies support, confirmation of doctoral student status or an offer of a place to study for a doctorate, normally in a UK HEI, is required. For all other types of awards researchers at all stages of their career are eligible to apply.

Applications from all sub-fields of Philosophy of Education are welcome, provided that they meet the assessment criteria outlined under ‘Assessment of proposals’ below.

How and when do I apply?

Timeline
The deadline for applications is 13 January 2020. The review process is expected to take between six and ten weeks. Final decisions will be made in March 2020 and applicants will be informed of the outcomes as soon as possible thereafter.

Submission
Complete applications should be sent electronically to pesgb@sasevents.co.uk. The receipt of the application will be acknowledged as soon as possible.

Documents required
Applications for Doctoral Studentships should consist of the following documents:

1. Cover page (download here)
2. Confirmation of doctoral student status
3. Case for support (up to four sides of A4)
4. Justification of resources solicited (up to one side of A4)
5. Brief CV of the applicant (up to two sides of A4)
6. Two reference letters, one being from the applicant’s supervisor

Please do not send any other documents.

Applications for Seminar Series Grants and Miscellaneous Grants should consist of the following documents:
1. Cover page (download here)
2. Case for support (up to six sides of A4)
3. Justification of resources solicited (up to one side of A4)
4. Evidence of support by the host institution (up to one side of A4)
5. Brief CV of the applicant (up to two sides of A4)

Optional items may include:
6. Evidence of confirmed offers for matched funding
7. Letters of support from proposed partners
8. Bibliography

Please do not send any other documents.

All applications should be typed in a legible font size (e.g. Times New Roman 12, or equivalent), with at least 2cm margins all around.

Multiple applications and return applicants
Applicants may submit only one PESGB large grant application in any given year.

Applicants are welcome to submit applications in consecutive years, provided that the following conditions are met:
1. the applicant will not be in receipt of a previously awarded PESGB large grant during the period for which funding is sought;
2. the application is not a re-submission of a previously unsuccessful application unless requested by the judging committee.

What should I include in the application?

Doctoral studentship applications

1. Cover page
The one-page cover sheet here should include a 100-word summary of the applicant’s doctoral project, written in a style suitable for web publication.

2. Confirmation of doctoral student status
Acceptable documents include:
- copy of the offer letter of a place to study for a doctorate
- copy of the transfer of status confirmation letter
- dated and signed confirmation letter from supervisor
dated, signed, and stamped confirmation of doctoral student status letter from the applicant's institution.

3. **Case for support**

The case for support should be no longer than four sides of A4 and should include:
- Background information, including a clear description of the topic, focus and scope of the applicant's doctoral work, and a brief account of relevant existing literature, as appropriate
- The aims and questions guiding the applicant's doctoral work
- The approach adopted, including the philosophical and theoretical frameworks and approaches and the balance between philosophical and empirical components of the work, as appropriate
- The potential contributions of the work to educational research, and its relevance to policy or practice
- The schedule of the applicant’s doctoral programme, including clear indication of work carried out so far, the enrolment date, and the expected completion date
- Details of any existing doctoral funding support received or secured by the candidate and of any ongoing applications for doctoral funding, together with expected decision dates
- Brief statement of future career plans of the applicant.

4. **Justification of resources solicited**

All doctoral studentship applications should include an indication of what the annual tuition fees are at the host institution and thus how much per annum is being sought. The justification of resources should be no longer than one side of A4

5. **Curriculum Vitae**

Please ensure that the CV is no longer than two sides of A4.

6. **Reference letters**

Please arrange for two reference letters, one being from the applicant’s supervisor, to be sent to the address below, to arrive by 6 January 2020.

Email: pesgb@sasevents.co.uk

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**Salisbury SP1 1DX.**
Seminar Series Grant and Miscellaneous Grant applications

1. **Cover page**
The one-page cover sheet [here](#) should include a 100-word summary of the proposed activity, written in a style suitable for web publication.

2. **Case for support**
The case for support should be no longer than six sides A4 and should include:
   - The rationale for convening the series, including the relevant research, practical and policy background, and a brief account of linkages with relevant existing literature and of similar recent or forthcoming events, as appropriate
   - A description of the topic, focus and scope of the proposed seminar series
   - The aims and intended contribution of the seminar series, e.g. to philosophical and/or empirical research, to policy and practice, to enhancing cross-disciplinary collaboration, etc. Please note that the seminar series funding scheme encourages educationally-relevant initiatives that involve cross-disciplinary collaboration whilst retaining a strong philosophical component
   - The proposed programme of seminars, including details of the proposed times and venues, speakers, audience, administrative arrangements, and advertising
   - Expected outputs and arrangements for further communicating the work and enabling its application and/or practical development, as appropriate

3. **Justification of resources solicited**
Applications for Seminar Series Grants or Miscellaneous Grants should provide a budget for the work proposed, with explication and justification of every cost for which support is solicited. Please see the section headed ‘What costs can be supported?’ for information on eligible costs. The justification of resources should be no longer than one side of A4.

4. **Evidence of support from the host institution**
   **Seminar Series Grant applications only:** applicants should submit a letter of support signed by an authorised person on behalf of the host institution. Please note that the Society does not fund seminars that are part of an institution’s regular seminar programme through the Large Grants Scheme. Please detail any matched funding or other contributions to be made to the Seminar Series by the institution or by other funding bodies.

5. **Curriculum Vitae**
Please ensure that the CV for each of the applicants is no longer than two sides of A4 for all applications. Please note that individual track record is not a criterion in the assessment of proposals. Applications will be assessed on the basis of their academic merit and educational relevance (please see section headed ‘Grant criteria’). The CV will only serve to confirm the applicant’s status and affiliation at the stage of eligibility screening, and as confirmation of ongoing interest in the proposed field of work.
6. Other documents

Optional documents, with the exception of the bibliography, will only be taken into account once an application is deemed of suitable academic quality. The bibliography should only include works referenced in the case for support.

How will the application be assessed?

Grant criteria

Applications are assessed primarily on the basis of academic merit and educational relevance. Successful applications are expected to propose high quality work with a substantial philosophical component, and to make a strong case educational relevance. The following criteria will be used to assess applications:

Core criteria:

1. Is the proposed activity of outstanding academic merit?
   Reviewers will consider whether the proposed activity is appropriately linked to existing relevant research and scholarship; is original; is rigorous in design and argumentation; and promises to make a worthwhile contribution to knowledge.

2. Is the proposed activity appropriately philosophical in character?
   Reviewers will consider the extent to which the philosophical component of the proposal is substantial, quantitatively and qualitatively. They will take into account how far it exhibits such qualities as coherence of argument, originality, depth, fertility, familiarity with relevant literature, critical ability.

3. Is the proposed activity educationally relevant?
   Reviewers will consider the overall educational relevance of the proposed activity, plans for application, development and engagement with other communities, and potential audiences. Original, well thought-out ways of articulating philosophical work with policy or practice are particularly welcomed.

Additional criteria:

4. Suitability of host institution
   The reviewers will look for some evidence in the application of the willingness and capacity of the proposed institution to host the activity, for which support is being sought. A good environment may involve a long-term tradition of the host institution in philosophy of education and/or in the substantive field of research proposed, but also a more recent commitment to develop these fields as emergent areas of research.
5. Appropriate project organisation and management, including time scales (as appropriate)

6. Appropriate level and use of resources (except for doctoral scholarship applications).

7. Involvement of early and mid-career researchers in the project is desirable as are indications of impact on the wider educational community.

8. An indication of the expected outcome will be expected such as a publication of some kind.

**Grading scale**

Reviewers will grade the proposal on each of the above criteria using the following scale:

- 4 – Excellent
- 3 – Good
- 2 – Satisfactory
- 1 – Poor
- NG – Not graded (owing to insufficient information in the application or limited reviewer expertise)

**The review and decision process**

Applications are reviewed, and grants decided, by the Large Grants Subcommittee of the PESGB Executive Committee. Members of the Subcommittee are appointed annually by the Executive Committee and are excluded from applying for large grants for the period of their service. The Subcommittee is responsible for final decisions on all large grant applications.

All applications are reviewed by all members of the Subcommittee. All reviewers are asked to grade and comment on applications using the criteria and grading scale outlined above. All reviewers will be asked to state if they have any personal knowledge of the proposer or financial interest in the outcome.

The Subcommittee reserves the right to request additional information from applicants about the project or activity for which financial support is being sought.

The Large Grants Subcommittee decides which applications to fund based on the reviewers’ grades and comments, in light of the quality of the competition and the budget available. Note that priority is given to the core criteria; the additional criteria are used only where proposals are highly graded against the core criteria.
This reflects the Society's commitment to awarding large grants on the basis of academic merit and educational relevance.

The Subcommittee may invite the proposer to re-submit where a relatively minor adjustment would make the proposal acceptable but without any guarantee of acceptance.

**Final decision**

Decisions will be communicated to applicants by the end of March 2020. Decisions are final and the Society will not enter into any further correspondence about unsuccessful applications.

**Feedback**

The society is unable to provide feedback on applications.
**What kinds of costs can be supported?**

Please note that salary costs for permanent staff are not eligible for funding.

The awards will cover direct costs connected with the activity proposed, but no estates or other indirect costs.

**Eligible costs**

Eligible costs may include (please refer to the “What types of grant are available?” section for full details on costs that are eligible or not eligible for each particular scheme):

- travel and subsistence for seminar speakers
- consumables and communication
- venue and equipment hire for events
- consultancy (but not seminar speaker) fees
- essential project management and administration assistance (but not contributions to the salaries of permanent administrative staff in institutions)
- childcare provision that enables the work of the grant holder(s) and/or other participants

The request for support for each type of cost needs to be clearly justified in the application.

**Non-eligible costs**

Non-eligible costs in all standard applications include:

- estates/ indirect costs
- substantial travel costs

**Doctoral studentships**

Doctoral studentships meet a contribution to tuition fee costs of up to £5,000 per annum.
What happens after an application is accepted for support?

**Terms and conditions**

Seminar Series Grants and Miscellaneous Grants will normally be paid into a university account specified by the principal investigator.

Doctoral Studentships will be paid directly to the student. Payments are made annually on receipt of a satisfactory progress report. Should the student fail to make satisfactory progress or cease to be registered for a doctoral degree, the studentship will be terminated.

Outputs emerging from projects funded by the Large Grants Scheme should include an appropriate reference to the support of the Society.

Where grants come in under budget, award recipients may either return the balance to the Society or request permission from the Officers of the Society to use the balance for dissemination or follow-up work directly related to the supported activity. Such requests should be submitted by email to pesgb@sasevents.co.uk and should briefly indicate the use to which remaining funds will be put.

**End of award report**

All award recipients are expected to submit an end of award report on completion of the supported activity.

**Doctoral Studentships**

A 500-word progress report should be submitted by 1st June 2021, followed by a letter from the supervisor confirming satisfactory progress by the end of June 2021. A notification of completion, together with a copy of the final thesis title and abstract, should be submitted on award of the doctorate.

**Seminar Series Grants**

A 1000-word report should be submitted, summarising the proceedings of the seminars convened. The full programme of all seminars convened should be appended.

**Miscellaneous Grants**

A 1000-word report confirming completion of the activity and describing any outputs or outcomes should be submitted.

**How do I contact the PESGB?**

This guide should provide all the information you need to apply for a grant from the PESGB. However, if you do have specific questions that cannot be answered using
the information in this guide and on the website, or if you have any suggestions or complaints, please email pesgb@sasevents.co.uk.