

Policy, Procedure, and Application Form
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background and Objectives

Research and scholarly activities are integral to the academic development of students at the Education Centre of Australia (ECA). ECA Student Research Activity Funding & Reimbursement Scheme (SRAFRS) is designed to provide financial support to students who present the research outcomes of research projects or compensate a part of expenses of an innovative research project.

This scheme aims to:

- Support students in disseminating their research through conferences, publications, and other research related expenses.
- Encourage a research culture and innovation among ECA students of three entities of APIC, HELI and CHS.
- Enhance research skills and professional development by providing practical funding for project-related expenses.
- Foster collaboration between students, faculty, and external partners where applicable.

By offering competitive grants of up to AUD 1,000, ECA ensures that students have the resources to undertake meaningful research, while also promoting accountability and excellence in academic output.

1.2 Scope of the Scheme

The SRAFRS is exclusively for ECA students and is awarded twice per year (June and December). The grants are competitive, meaning applications are reviewed by Scholarship and Research Committee (SRC) based on merit, feasibility, and alignment with ECA's research goals as well as the amount of requested grant.

Funds may be used for:

- Publication fees (e.g., open-access journal charges) of research outcome. It is important to ensure that ECA or one of its higher education entities—Asia Pacific International College (APIC), Higher Education Leadership Institute (HELI), or the College of Health Sciences (CHS)—is listed as the institutional affiliation for any research outputs.
- Conference expenses (registration, travel, accommodation for presenting research).
- Research materials (survey tools).
- Participant reimbursements (if part of the research methodology).

Exclusions:

- Personal stipends or salaries.
- Non-research-related travel.
- Expenses already covered by other internal or external funding sources.