

Annual Research Grant: Mediator Standards Board

The Mediator Standards Board invites interested parties to submit a research proposal for the award of its Annual Research Grant (ARG). The ARG shall be for proposals up to the total value of \$50,000.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: enquiries are to be directed, in the first instance, to: Ms Jenny Watson, Secretariat Officer, Mediator Standards Board.

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The call for proposals close at 2.00 pm on 15 July 2022 electronically by email to, Ms Jenny Watson.

INFORMATION FOR PROPOSERS: see the attached "*Information for Research Proposers*" which will provide further information about the tendering and evaluation of tenders.

Research Proposals Guidelines

1. The Mediator Standards Board (MSB) is responsible for the ongoing development and maintenance of the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS) introduced in 2008. The MSB's Objectives are to:
 - a. develop, maintain and amend the NMAS, which includes the Approval Standards and the Practice Standards (the Standards).
 - b. oversee the application of the Standards with a view to achieving consistency, quality and public protection regarding mediation services and mediation training.
 - c. support, complement and encourage members in their quest to meet their objectives in relation to the Standards.
 - d. ensure that training and accreditation of mediators continues to develop.
 - e. require records to be maintained of mediators who are accredited under the Standards and facilitate access to mediators who have national accreditation.
2. In pursuance of its objectives the MSB seeks to consider key issues which are presently developing in the dispute management field. In particular it wishes to

consider, although is not limited to, how these developments may impact upon the operation of the NMAS and how this system could be made more responsive and inclusive of these developments, as necessary. The MSB has established a Research Sub Committee to consider these and related matters. The MSB would therefore be interested to consider research proposals that focus upon policy and practice issues, including training, that relate to mediation in Australia.

3. The MSB would accept partnership proposals where it is contributing to funds already provided by the proposer.
4. To submit your proposal, please complete a submission of no more than 1000 words under the following headings:
 - Name and Organisation (include brief outline of research experience)
 - Research topic/issue (you do not have to follow exactly the topics as outlined above.)
 - Methodology and Timelines/Project Stages
 - Personnel to be Engaged
 - Time (preferably in days) to be devoted to the project.
 - Payment System
 - Other
5. For further information contact Jenny Watson etc who can direct you to a relevant Board member.
6. You will be notified within two months of the proposal closing date of the success of your submission.

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