



Hanny Exiner Memorial Foundation Research in Dance-Movement Therapy

Deadline for 2012 grant applications is Friday 15th June

Criteria for selection of recipients of research grants

Hanny Exiner Memorial Foundation research grants are awarded to promote projects which advance the field of Dance-Movement Therapy through evaluation, research and quality assurance activities. The grant could be used to 'seed' initial investigation and enquiry into the field, or support more developed research projects. The findings will further enhance the understanding, quality and practice of Dance-Movement therapy.

To that end **the applicant** needs:

- to be a student or practitioner in the field of dance-movement therapy, or working towards the development of dance-movement therapy, in Australia, whether or not they are members of the Dance-Movement Therapy Association of Australia,
- an idea, or a question about Dance-Movement Therapy practice which they are interested in investigating, and which they feel would inform the field,
- to describe the uniqueness of the proposed project and the extent to which the project's findings may add to the theoretical base,
- to describe the relevance of the research to the therapeutic application of dance in group and individual work (if appropriate),
- connection with a group or individual or organisation willing to participate in the project,
- a potential supervisor.

To support the applicant in development of the project **HEMF** can provide:

- opportunity for discussion with experienced dance-movement therapist/s,
- advice about finding a potential supervisors for the project, if required,
- assistance with the writing of the application.

All projects are to:

- be conducted in Australia,
- be carried out only into the use of dance-movement therapy, or relating to it (eg. it could be into the use of music for dance-movement therapy), to contribute to its unique knowledge base,

- contribute to the understanding and furtherance of the practice of dance-movement therapy in Australia; to broaden the understanding of its effects,
- be completed and reported on to the Foundation (who will make themselves responsible for disseminating it to the DTAA and any other interested parties) within 12 months of receiving the grant (in the case of a project itself taking 12 months the report may be submitted up to 2 months after its conclusion). Note: recipients of a grant may also find other outlets for publicising their findings.

Also:

- where the research is conducted with clients, a therapeutic contract must be established between the client (where possible) or parent, guardian or appropriate authority. This contract must be mutually agreeable between the client, or their agent, and therapist and contain therapeutic goals, procedures, conditions of termination and the length of time the contract will exist. It should also state that the report of the project will not reveal personal details of the clients and that the clients are in agreement with the publishing of the report under such conditions of confidentiality.

Applying for a Hanny Exiner Memorial Foundation

Research Grant

The application for a grant should include the following information:

- * a full description of the study or project,
- * the importance of the study to the field,
- * a literature review of any writings and/or previous research done in the specific area of study,
- * the theoretical framework underpinning the study,
- * evaluation or research methodology,
- * an anticipated time frame for completion of the project,
- * budget,
- * qualifications of the researchers.

Applications should be accompanied by two letters of support from suitably qualified professionals.

Other information

All researchers are required to abide by principles of professional conduct, responsibility and confidentiality.

Code of Ethics:

The researcher

- will not misrepresent their level of training,
- will present a high standard of personal conduct in professional practice,
- where the research is to be carried out with clients, will safeguard the needs of their clients physically, mentally and emotionally and respect the rights and dignity of the individual, serving all in a non-discriminatory manner where the research is to be carried out with clients, will comply with all procedures, ethical requirements and practices of the parent organisation
- will treat all client information confidentially and only discuss it with other professionals involved in the care of the clients concerned.

Where applicable, the anonymity of the subjects and places of your research must be preserved in the final report.

Breaches of ethics:

H.E.M.F will not publish the findings or reports of any grant recipient who breaches the code of ethics, nor would we ever consider them for any future grants.

Tax implications:

The liability of the recipient of a Hanny Exiner Memorial Foundation grant for income tax is a matter for decision by the A.T.O. The Foundation has no responsibility or authority in the matter. It is recommended that recipients keep receipts for all expenditure of their grant funds and seek independent advice with respect to their eligibility for claiming tax deductions.

The gaining of a HEMF Research Grant does not contribute towards the completion or acquiring of any formal qualification.

All documents sent to the Foundation for grant applications become the property of the Foundation and unsuccessful applications will be destroyed.

The decision about the awarding of grants is final. Successful applicants will be notified directly a decision is reached. The provision of a H.E.M.F. Research Grant will be subject to the drawing up of an agreement between the recipient and the Foundation.

The agreements will then be signed by the Foundation and recipients and arrangements for payment will be negotiated.

An announcement will be published in *Moving On*, the DTAA's journal, naming the successful applicants and the nature of their projects.

The findings of the study will be reported in *Moving On* and on the DTAA website under Hanny Exiner Memorial Foundation. If appropriate, the findings will also be published or reported on in other journals or at suitable conferences and seminars. The researchers may also choose to report on their findings apart from the activities of HEMF and DTAA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Potential applicants are encouraged to email or phone if they have any questions about the suitability of their proposed project.

Please email dtaa@alphalink.com.au or phone Naomi Aitchison (03) 9878 1602 (until 10th April and after 21 May 2012) or Heather Hill (03) 9730 1248 (from 11 April to 20 May).