

Hanny Exiner Memorial Foundation Research in Dance-Movement Therapy

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Hanny Exiner Memorial Foundation Research Grants will be awarded for research or discrete projects that contribute towards research that is assessed to advance the field of dance-movement therapy and the quality of its practice in some way. Small projects that can contribute to future larger studies would also be considered suitable for submission.

Selection criteria:

All projects are to be:

- from applicants who are students or practitioners 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,
- conducted in Australia,
- carried out only into the use of dance-movement therapy, or relating to it, (eg. could be into the use of music for dance-movement therapy) to contribute to its unique knowledge-base,
- a contribution to the understanding and furtherance of the practice of dance-movement therapy in Australia; to broaden the understanding of its outcomes.

Ethical issues for applicants

All researchers are required to abide by DTAA's Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct as per www.dtaa.org.au/ethics.htm

Where the research is conducted with clients of dance therapy, 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, condition of termination and the length of time the contract will exist. Where applicable, the anonymity of participants and sites of research must be preserved in the final report.

H.E.M.F will not publish the findings or reports of any grant recipient who breaches these codes of ethics nor would they ever be considered 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.

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Applying for a Hanny Exiner Research Grant:

The application should include the following

- a full description of the study or project, including methodology
- the importance of the study to the field of dance-movement therapy,
- the relevance of the research to the therapeutic application of dance in group and individual work,
- the extent to which the research promises to add to the theoretical base,
- the uniqueness of the proposed research,
- a literature review of previous research done in the specific area of study,
- the theoretical framework underpinning the study,
- an anticipated time frame for completion of the research,
- budget,
- the willingness of the applicant to participate in promotion of the results,
- a short biography (up to 100 words) including relevant qualifications and professional experience of the researcher,
- two letters of support from suitably qualified professionals.

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 and no correspondence will be entered into. The gaining of a HEMF Research Grant does not contribute towards the completion or acquiring of any formal qualification.

Announcement of grants:

Successful applicants will be notified directly; the agreements 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, and on the DTAA's website naming the successful applicants and the nature of their projects.

Reporting requirements:

Projects results are to be reported to the Foundation within 12 months of receiving the grant. In the case of a research project itself taking 12 months the report may be submitted up to two months after its conclusion. The HEMF will be responsible for disseminating it to the DTAA through the journal *Moving On* and the DTAA website. Researchers are encouraged to disseminate their findings through other avenues as well. It could also be published or reported on in other journals or at suitable conferences and seminars.

Closing date: for applications is Wednesday 21 July 2010.

Potential applicants are welcome to call or email to discuss any proposed project with Phyll Lloyd (03) 9714 8396 or email: dtaa@alphalink.com.au