

## Eureka Benevolent Foundation 2024 education grant guidelines

**At Eureka Benevolent Foundation, we believe education is one of the most powerful ways to overcome disadvantage, and to enable better, more fulfilling lives. That's why we're excited to invite expressions of interest for our 2024 education grant round.**

We're looking to partner with an ambitious and innovative not-for-profit organisation who believes their work can improve outcomes for school-age children experiencing educational disadvantage.

This work may provide direct support for improved educational outcomes or well-being, advocate for systems or policy change, or build a robust evaluation or dataset in education. We welcome ideas in the form of a program, sector initiative, research or advocacy.

We encourage applicants to consider deeply how impact will be measured and evaluated, what datasets are relevant to the work to demonstrate impact.

### How to apply

Please submit your expression of interest online via [www.ebf.org.au/education](http://www.ebf.org.au/education) by 14 November 2023.

### Grant funding

Eureka Benevolent Foundation will give one or more grants of up to \$500,000 per year for three to five years. A total grant pool of up to \$2.5 million is available over the full five-year period.

### Eligibility

Grant applicants must be registered as a Tax Concession Charity and registered under Schedule 1 as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR1) in Australia to be eligible to apply.

### Grant selection panel

We have appointed a grant selection panel made up of subject matter experts in the field of education. This independent panel will recommend which proposal/s are most likely to achieve widespread change for school age children experiencing disadvantage and provide recommendations to the Eureka Benevolent Foundation Board for funding.

### Selection criteria

The grant selection panel will consider three key criteria in assessing each expression of interest: impact, innovation and feasibility.

*Impact* | How will the proposed project create lasting and widespread change in education for school aged children experiencing disadvantage, and to what extent? Does the proposal use evidence, research and data about the problem and solution?

*Innovation* | To what extent does the proposal demonstrate creative or innovative approaches to improving the educational outcomes of school age children experiencing disadvantage, or ways of better understanding and measuring impact in education?

*Feasibility* | Does the team have the experience and a realistic plan to deliver on the proposal? Has the team identified the right partners to successfully implement the project?

The grant selection panel will favour EOIs that:

- seek to create lasting and widespread improvement in education outcomes for school-aged children experiencing disadvantage;
- provide a clear statement, preferably supported by quantitative evidence, of the problem or opportunity to be addressed;
- rely on existing evidence for project design; and
- will gather evidence to demonstrate the impact of the project.

## Selection process

We have designed a three-stage application process for the education grant round.

Stage	Overview	Timing
Expression of interest	Organisations are invited to submit an expression of interest for Eureka Benevolent Foundation's education grant round.	Open: Monday 16 October 2023 Close: 12pm AEDT, Tuesday 14 November 2023
Proposal	Up to 10 organisations will be invited to complete a short form grant proposal based on shortlisted EOIs.	Shortlisted EOIs will be invited to submit a grant proposal in early December 2023.  Unsuccessful EOIs will be notified at the same time.  Grant proposals close: 5pm AEDT, Monday 29 January 2024.
Meeting	Up to 3 organisations will be invited to provide full proposals and meet with the grant selection panel and EBF Board and management.	Late March / early April 2024.
Grant administration and payment		Successful and unsuccessful proposal applicants will be notified by late April 2024.  The successful grantee/s will receive the first payment instalment of the grant by 30 June 2024.

## Education grant round expression of interest questions

Below is the list of questions you'll be asked to respond to through the online expression of interest form. It's helpful to have your answers pre-written so you can copy and paste them into the online form.

### Section 1: Lead organisation details

- Organisation name:
- Organisation ABN:
- Organisation ACNC link:
- Is the lead applicant registered as a Tax Concession Charity under Schedule 1 as a Deductible Gift Recipient? Yes / No
- Website:
- Organisation address:
- Organisation vision and mission:
- Contact person first name:
- Contact person surname:
- Contact person role:
- Email address:
- Phone number:
- Partner organisation name/s (if applicable):

### Section 2: Project details

- Project title
- Project overview (up to 150 words)
- What is the problem or need this project aims to address? Please include relevant data or evidence. (up to 150 words)
- How will this project, idea or opportunity address the issue or need outlined above? And why is this so important to do? (up to 200 words)
- If successful, what will be the impact of your project? (up to 100 words)
- How will you measure and evaluate the project, its outcomes and impact? (up to 100 words)  
How many years will your project run for? (3-5 years only)
- What is the total funding requested for the project? (up to \$500,000 per year)

### Section 3:

Which cohort does your project primarily focus on? Select up to 2.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Boys and young men
- Girls and young women
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- People living with a disability
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Students living in regional areas
- Students living in remote areas
- Students with low socio-economic status (SES)
- Students at risk of leaving school early
- Other
- Unknown at this stage

Where will your project's primary impact be focused? [select one]

- At a national level
- At a state level
- At the community level
- In a place-based location
- Other
- Unknown at this stage

Which description best suits your project:

- Advocacy / policy project
- Capacity building project
- Data project
- Research project
- Sector initiative
- Service delivery project
- Systemic intervention
- Other

#### **Section 4: Submission**

[tick box] I confirm that the information provided in this expression of interest form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[tick box] If shortlisted, I'm happy to write a proposal with more detail about my project.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What is Eureka Benevolent Foundation?*

Eureka Benevolent Foundation (EBF) is a family foundation that partners with individuals, families and communities, and with other like-minded organisations, to address and overcome disadvantage. The foundation was founded in 2007 and has to date funded some \$20 million in projects.

We focus on early childhood and education, and on disadvantage in the developing world, seeking to influence and empower lasting change. We seek change at scale, and therefore seek to extend the impact of our resources through partnership. We invest to achieve measurable impact through outcomes that are valued by the people we work with.

### *How does my organisation apply for a grant?*

Organisations are invited to submit an online expression of interest (EOI) for the grant round [www.ebf.org.au/education](http://www.ebf.org.au/education) by 14 November 2023.

### *What will the full application include?*

Up to ten organisations will be shortlisted from the expressions of interest (EOIs) and invited to complete a proposal. Organisations invited to complete the application will be required to provide further detail on their proposed project. This may include a project plan, organisation strategy, governance information, an impact framework and financial and risk management plans.

### *Do I have to apply for the full amount of grant funding available?*

Organisations do not need to apply for the full amount of the available grant funds. There is a total grant pool of \$2.5 million over 5 years, however, for example, an applicant can apply for \$1,000,000 over 3 years.

### *How long does my project have to be?*

Projects should be three to five years in length.

### *What are the key dates?*

- Expressions of interest open on 16 October 2023
- Expressions of interest close on 14 November 2023
- Shortlisted EOIs will be invited to submit a proposal in early December 2023
- Proposals are due on 29 January 2024.
- Up to 3 applicants will be invited to meet EBF and the grant selection panel in late March 2024.
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in late April 2024.
- The first grant instalment payment will be made by 30 June 2024.

### *Can I apply with a partner organisation?*

Yes. The grant may be shared amongst multiple organisations, or be awarded to a single organisation.

### *Is this a one-off grant or will there be an opportunity to apply for funding at a later date?*

This is a one-off education grant round. Our next education grant round will likely be at the completion of the successful grant in 3-5 years.

### *How will the successful applicants be selected?*

EBF has convened a grant selection panel made up of subject matters experts to provide an independent and expert view on funding applications. We will work grant selection panel to review and assess the EOIs and proposals against the criteria focused on impact, innovation and feasibility.

### *What are the reporting requirements of the grant?*

EBF values honest and open communication with grantees. Successful grantees will be invited to co-design reporting needs to best suit the partnership.

### *Can I get help with my application?*

We want to encourage applications from a diverse pool of organisations. We recognise writing an EOI can be daunting, if you would like guidance or support with your application, please contact Jess Perrin, the Foundation Director of the Eureka Benevolent Foundation [jess.perrin@ebf.org.au](mailto:jess.perrin@ebf.org.au). Jess can help you find resources to support you making an application.

### *If I have questions about my application can I speak to someone?*

Yes you can. Please contact Jess Perrin, the Foundation Director of the Eureka Benevolent Foundation via email with any questions concerning the grant round. [jess.perrin@ebf.org.au](mailto:jess.perrin@ebf.org.au)