**2022 VATE Research Grant**

VATE is offering an annual **VATE Research Grant** for up to $8,000 (GST inclusive) to enable researchers to work with the VATE community to conduct research into a priority area as decided by VATE Council. **In 2022 that area is the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the identity and agency of English teachers, and the sustainability of English teaching more broadly**.

The **VATE Research Grant** is available to single researchers or to a collaborative team of researchers with a view to enhancing the quality of English teaching through research and professional learning.

Project action plans must involve collecting and analysing data from the VATE community and can involve teachers as participants in the research. The findings from the research must be disseminated to the VATE community and interstate English teaching colleagues.

Funding can be used for research assistance, travel and accommodation, CRT coverage, transcription services and to facilitate meetings. Funds cannot be used for equipment or conference attendance. The successful applicants will enter into a funding agreement with VATE.

**Outcomes**

The research inquiry will begin in Semester Two of 2022 and will conclude at the end of 2023 (18 months duration). The research will incorporate and develop the following items:

* Member survey/s and member engagement.
* Literature review with relevant research shared with the VATE community through its regular eBulletins.
* An interim report on findings; and a final discussion paper that is both theoretical and practical for dissemination to the VATE and AATE communities.
* A presentation at the VATE Conference.
* A paper ready to be considered for publication in *English in Australia* or another peer reviewed journal.
* Additional professional learning opportunities and publications will be discussed post-publication of the final discussion paper.

The successful applicant/s must attend at least one VATE PLR Committee meeting during the course of the year and a written report on progress must be presented to the Committee and Council.

The VATE office team will be available to support the research grant. This may include: regular meetings with the Education team; dissemination of information to the VATE community; membership engagement; online development of surveys; meeting logistics, etc.

**Eligibility criteria**

A panel, including one member of the VATE Professional Learning and Research (PLR) Committee, one VATE Council member (who is not a member of the PLR Committee), and the VATE Education Officer will make a recommendation to Council. The Council reserve the right to make no award if there are no applications which satisfactorily meet the criteria.

* Applicants must all be VATE members.
* The applicant/s must show a track record of conducting research leading to publication.

**Selection criteria**

1. Capacity of the applicant/s to conduct research.
2. Strong project focus and rationale for the research which is supportive of the VATE priority area.
3. Potential to contribute insight and/or impact related to teaching and learning English.
4. Project action plan is well considered and viable.
5. Reasonableness of budget.

For further information, please contact education@vate.org.au.
 **Applications addressing the selection criteria and using the attached template must be submitted to** **education@vate.org.au** **by 12pm Thursday 18 August 2022.**

**Application: VATE Research Grant**

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| **Researcher/s details** |
| *Name* |  |
| *Employer* |  |
| *Position* |  |
| *Email* |  |
| *Biography* |  |
| **Proposed project title** |
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| **Explanation of proposed project focus and rationale** |
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| **Outline of expertise in VATE’s priority research area** |
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| **Project action plan (include methodology, deliverables, key milestones and dates)** |
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| **Risks (or issues) and mitigation strategies** |
| *Risks are defined as an uncertain events or condition that may have a negative effect on the research if they occur. List high-level risks to the research and the likelihood that each will occur (high, medium or low) as well as the impact (high, medium or low). Please ensure you detail the specific way that each risk will be mitigated. Limit your risks to no more than 10.* |
| **Risk** | **Likelihood(H, M, L)** | **Impact****(H, M, L)** | **Mitigation** |
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| **Anticipated project outcomes for VATE and the English teaching community** |
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| **Budget** |
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| **Signature/s of applicant/s** |
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