



BALEAP Innovative Practice Funding

Narratives of innovation and resilience:

Supporting student learning experiences
in challenging times



Background and aims

BALEAP: The Global Forum for EAP Professionals supports the development of those involved in learning, teaching, scholarship and research in English for Academic Purposes. Our institutional and individual members are committed to helping students thrive academically and prepare for meaningful, rewarding futures.

In 2020, the higher education sector has had to respond promptly and creatively to very challenging circumstances. *BALEAP* is keen to recognise and reward good practice and to facilitate further learning and development from innovative provision.

Details of funding available

BALEAP members are invited to submit accounts of innovative practice they have developed and delivered to support student learning in response to the challenging circumstances of 2020. Up to ten awards of **£750** each have been budgeted for. The money will be paid to the institutions where the practice was delivered, to be used for professional development purposes.

The application process has two stages:

1. Submit outline by 9am on Friday **31 July 2020** (up to two A4 sheets).
2. If successful, submit full account by 9am on Friday **30 October 2020** (2500 words).

Accounts will be collated into a BALEAP publication similar to Snapshots of EAP Research Journeys or In-Sessional English for Academic Purposes (see <https://www.baleap.org/resources/baleap-publications>).

Criteria for funding

- What solution/s did the applicants identify to a challenge they were facing (the focus could be on a broad issue or a very specific aspect)?
- What was the main benefit to students and what evidence is available for this?
- What did the team designing and delivering the provision learn from this experience that would be of use to other colleagues?
- What learning points are the applicants likely to take forward into their future practice?
- How are applicants planning to use the funding to support further professional development for themselves and other colleagues who contributed to the development of the innovative practice described?

Eligibility

Both institutional and individual members of BALEAP are eligible to apply. In the case of the latter, funds will be transferred to the institution where the innovative provision was delivered.

Condition of funding

Confirmation from the applicant's institution will be required that their application is supported. To ensure fair allocation of funds, not more than one award will be made to an institution.

Selection of applications

Applications will be assessed by a panel with expertise in English for Academic Purposes and the scholarship of teaching and learning in higher education more broadly. An external observer with a relevant specialism will also input into the decision-making process and advise on the procedures.

How to apply

Detailed application notes will be available on the BALEAP website at the beginning of June 2020. Please contact Lia.Blaj-Ward@ntu.ac.uk if you have any queries or suggestions in the meantime.

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