# **BALEAP Funding Stream 2021**

# SOCIAL JUSTICE IN EAP

Information Sheet and Call for Applications



The global forum for **EAP** professionals

#### Background



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. We are now seeking applications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration of funding for practitioners' research in 2021-22.

Building on previous successful funding initiatives in 2019 on *Collaboration* and 2020 on *Innovation*, this year's funding scheme responds to a growing desire to engage with issues of inclusivity, diversity, and equality expressed by the members of the EAP community in the BALEAP values survey. Therefore, we seek proposals addressing any aspect of social justice in areas including, but not limited to, EAP pedagogy, leadership and professional development.

#### Further information about the theme

For the purpose of this funding, Social Justice can be interpreted as an analytical framework (theoretical, philosophical or methodological), or simply a lens through which to look at a chosen area of research. Applicants are encouraged to consult resources available on the EAP for Social Justice SIG website (<u>Rationale</u>, <u>What We're About</u>, <u>Blog posts</u>) and invited to access and contribute to a <u>Padlet wall</u> (developed by the SIG to support this call) featuring resources curated around number of key themes which are current in this field.

#### Aims

The funding initiative aims to encourage scholarship and practitioners' research in EAP. The scheme supports members who might otherwise find it difficult to engage in scholarship. As well as providing financial support, the scheme will include mentorship at various stages of the projects.

#### **Funding available**

Applicants can apply for funding of **up to £1500**, based on anticipated costs incurred. Finance guide and further information on budgeting for scholarship projects are available on the <u>BALEAP website</u>.

## Eligibility

Applications from individuals, single institutions, cross-institution and global collaborations are welcome. Individual applicants, and one member of collaborative applications, must be a BALEAP member\*.

\*Membership includes institutional, individual, concessional.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

The project proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria by a panel selected across the BALEAP membership.

- Relevance to the theme
- Quality of the proposal
- Impact, sustainability and transferability

The criteria are available on the **BALEAP** website.

#### **Outputs**

We encourage a range of potential outputs, appropriate to the scale of the project. Potential outputs might include (but are not limited to): a publication in an academic journal, an educational blog, a conference presentation, a set of pedagogical resources, multimodal posters/reports, video interview, infographics through the BALEAP website. Please note that participation in a BALEAP event (potentially online), or a short written or multimedia account for the website, is *required*. Initial output should be planned for Summer 2022 (bar formal academic publications).

#### How to apply and timeline

Application form is available on the <u>BALEAP website</u>. For additional details, email <u>funding@baleap.org</u>

Submission deadline: 15th November 2021

#### Decisions: 15th December 2021

The funding must be accessed before the end of July 2022.

## Acknowledgements

The BALEAP SIG *EAP* for Social Justice is supporting the call. We are grateful to them for their input and would like to extend special thanks to the two members of the Executive Committee who serve on the decision panel, and to the committee for curating the SJ resources Padlet wall to support applicants to this funding stream. We are confident that potential applicants will benefit from their expertise and knowledge of the field of Social Justice in EAP, current research gaps and how they might be filled. Because of their active involvement, the SIG's Executive Committee were precluded from applying for the funding to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

