

Research and Publications Officer Report

14th April 2025

Actions from the Last Quarter

1. ResTES Launched

The Research Training Event Series (ResTES) has been launched as a set of five online sessions: three focused on publication and two on research, as shown below,

Wednesday 22nd January 18:00-19:00 (GMT)

W1: Why publish practice-based research and what makes practice-based research publishable?

Wednesday 5th February 18:00-19:00 (GMT)

W2: Selecting a journal and identifying the contribution.

Wednesday 19th February 18:00-19:00 (GMT)

W3: Navigating the review process and life after publication

Thursday 20th March 16:00-17:00 (GMT)

Researching EAP practice: methodological choices and how to make them

Friday 4th April 16:00-17:00 (GMT)

Dealing with ethics in EAP teacher research: positionality, power relationships, and micro-ethics in practice

All sessions have already been completed.

2. MA Dissertation Award

The final assessment of shortlisted applications has been completed. A successful applicant has been selected and notified, with the official announcement to be made at the upcoming BALEAP Conference.

3. Doctoral Studies Award

The call for expressions of interest is now closed, with a total of seven applications received. An assessment panel of six members has been convened, and the process is currently at the shortlisting stage, which is expected to be completed by mid-May 2025.

Actions for Next Quarter

1. ResTES Sessions

Following the completion of the ResTES initiative, a comprehensive review and evaluation will be undertaken to assess its outcomes and effectiveness. Based on the findings, the initiative will be refined as needed, with any proposed revisions or amendments discussed collaboratively with the members of the working group to determine the best way forward.

2. Awards Update

Following the completion of the MA Dissertation Award, the structure and future of this annual award will be reviewed and discussed, with a view to relaunching it in 2025/26.

For the Doctoral Studies Award, once the shortlisting process is completed in mid-May, the selected candidates (a maximum of two or three) will be invited to submit their full theses, marking the beginning of the final assessment stage.

3. Working Group Meeting

Following the BALEAP Conference, the Working Group will convene to review progress and updates across various initiatives, both completed and ongoing, to determine the best way forward. The meeting will also address identified issues related to the Books & Articles Reviews (B&R) and the Critical Friend Network (CFN) initiatives.

4. Supporting an ESRC proposed Project

BALEAP has agreed to support the ESRC-proposed project led by the University of Glasgow, developed in response to the UKRI theme *Creating Opportunities and Improving Outcomes*. The project aims to address inequalities and enhance social and economic outcomes both

within the UK and internationally. A full proposal has been requested to gain further insight into the scope, aims, methodologies, and key milestones of the study, to determine how the *Research and Publications Working Group* can best contribute to and support this work.