



Call for Proposals

Key Dates

Call Released: Monday 20 June 2022

Submission of proposal: Monday 15 August 2022 17:00 BST

Announcement of awards: Monday 5 September 2022

Summary

On World Occupational Therapy Day 2021, the Elizabeth Casson Trust launched its *Focus on Fairness Observatory* [<https://elizabethcasson.org.uk/support-development/focus-on-fairness-observatory/>]. This Observatory aims to explore the issues affecting the occupational therapy profession, particularly those affecting individuals from diverse groups and communities through their professional journeys. Our approach is to engage with leaders, including those affected by the issues, in themed fora to facilitate evidence-informed and solution-focused inquiry on identified topics. From these events, initiatives will be commissioned in response to the ideas generated. Our first event, held in January 2022, had a Focus on Education and was named accordingly. Several projects emerged from the discussions, for which funding has been sought and approved by the Elizabeth Casson Trust board of trustees. The Observatory is now taking these initiatives forward and one includes this research call.

Scope of the call

There is a need to further understand the experiences of minority students, including all protected characteristics and intersectionality, either during the recruitment and admission process or throughout the duration of their course. Without understanding student experiences, any future changes to admissions or the course itself may fail to address the issues impacting individual experiences and ‘miss the mark’.

For this call, we encourage applicants to work collaboratively and think broadly about what can be achieved. The study should not just be an academic enquiry but should also lead to outputs that have a real-world application and a tangible positive impact.

Funding

Requests can be for projects ranging from £10,000 to £40,000 with an essential requirement for value for money to the Trust; applicants are therefore strongly advised to present competitive costings for their study. Studies should be completed within 2 years maximum.

Research capacity building

The Trust encourages applicants to consider the career development of early researchers, practitioner/ clinical academics and post-doctoral occupational therapists in their proposals.

How to apply

Proposals [https://elizabethcasson.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Focus-on-Fairness-Research-Funding-Application-Form-2022_06.docx] should be submitted to Pam Anderson at secretary@elizabethcasson.org.uk, copying Suzanne at admin@elizabethcasson.org.uk. The **submission deadline is Monday 15 August 2022, 17:00BST**. Notification of the outcome will be no later than 5 September, 2022.

Contact

Please contact Pam Anderson at secretary@elizabethcasson.org.uk with any queries about applying for this funding.

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