

TRACY AYLEN DIABETES EDUCATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM



AUSTRALIAN DIABETES EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

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Overview

ADEA has received a \$20,000 bequest from the late Tracy Aylen to support diabetes education research.

The Tracy Aylen Diabetes Education Research Grant Program offers funding to support the development of research projects aimed at improving diabetes education and care. This grant is designed to help early career clinicians and researchers enhance their research capabilities and contribute valuable insights into the field of diabetes education. The funds may be utilised for a research project or to provide seed funding for research that promotes [ADEA's vision and mission](#).

Two (2) grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded to assist with project initiation, research activities, and capacity building. The goal is to foster innovation and enhance the skills of emerging researchers in the diabetes education field.

Applications close at 5pm on 1 October 2025 and the successful applicants will be announced on World Diabetes Day on 14 November 2025.

Grant Purpose

The purpose of the Research Grant is to:

1. Support the development of innovative diabetes education research.
 2. Help early career clinicians and emerging researchers gain valuable experience in research methodologies.
 3. Build capacity in the diabetes education research community through funding that enhances research skills.
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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Tracy Aylen Diabetes Education Research Grant, applicants must be a member of ADEA and meet the following criteria:

1. **Primary Target Audience:**
 - Early career clinicians who are pursuing diabetes education research as part of their career development. Early career clinicians refers to CDEs who completed their credentialling within the past seven (7) years, or

- Early career post-doctoral researchers in diabetes education or diabetes-related fields. Early career post-doctoral researchers refers to researchers who completed their PhD within the past seven (7) years.
 - 2. **General Requirements:**
 - Applicants must be employed at an accredited institution (e.g., university, diabetes education provider, health service, community health service, residential care) or be practicing as a CDE within a private practice.
 - Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to contributing to diabetes education research and demonstrate the potential to develop research skills.
 - 3. **Project Requirements:**
 - The research must be focused on diabetes education topics such as diabetes prevention, diabetes management, health promotion, diabetes workforce, epidemiology, health disparities, health equity, health literacy etc.
 - The application should demonstrate clear objectives, methods, and outcomes that contribute to diabetes education knowledge.
 - The research should align with ADEA's vision, mission and strategy, as well as the goals of improving community health, reducing health disparities, or advancing diabetes education policy.
 - 4. **Funding Use:**
 - Funds can be used for research-related expenses, including data collection, consumer engagement, materials, travel for fieldwork or presenting the research at conferences, publication costs for journals, statistical analysis /software and salary/wages to back-fill the applicant's position.
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Application Process

Applicants must submit a completed **Tracy Aylen Diabetes Education Research Grant Application Form** to be considered for funding.

Grant Review and Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts in the field of diabetes education research. Selection criteria will include:

1. Alignment of the research to ADEA's strategy (see adea.com.au)
2. Significance of the research in contributing knowledge to diabetes education or/and changes to clinical practice
3. Benefit for people living with diabetes.
4. Clarity and feasibility of the research objectives and methodology.
5. Potential impact of the research outcomes on diabetes education or care
6. Capacity-building potential for the applicant, including how the research will contribute to future research funding or career advancement for the applicant.
7. Quality of the application (e.g., completeness, writing clarity, and budget justification).

Grantees will be notified within five weeks of the submission deadline.

Funding Terms and Conditions

1. The grant is non-renewable.
2. All research funds must be spent within the designated grant period. It is acknowledged that the timing of ethics approval may impact the project timeline, and grantees may request one timeline extension if ethics approval delays are experienced. Any unutilised funds must be returned to ADEA.
3. Grantees must submit a final report within six months of project completion, detailing research findings, lessons learned, and how the grant funds were used.
4. Grantees must present their research at the following Australasian Diabetes Congress and submit an article for publication in the online peer-reviewed ADE magazine within 6 months of project completion.
5. Failure to comply with the terms of the grant may result in the forfeiture of the funds.

Deadline

All applications must be submitted **by 1 October 2025**. Late submissions will not be considered. Please email applications to Education@adea.com.au.

The successful applicants will be announced on World Diabetes Day on 14 November 2025.

For questions or additional information, please contact Melanie Gray-Morris via ceo@adea.com.au

Tracy Aylen Education Research Grant Program - Application Form

Section 1: Personal Information

1. **Full Name:**

○ First Name: _____

○ Last Name: _____

2. **Position/Title:**

○ _____

3. **Institution/Organisation:**

○ _____

4. **Email Address:**

○ _____

5. **Phone Number:**

○ _____

6. **Academic Qualifications:**

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7. **Credentialling or PhD completion date**

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Section 2: Project Information

1. **Project Title:**

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2. **Project Abstract (300 words max):**

- Provide a brief overview of the research project, including the background, objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes. Include a description of work already undertaken or a review of current literature to support your research project.

3. **Lay Summary of the Project (200 words max):**

- Provide a brief lay summary of the project for potential ADEA use for communicating with the media and on social media

4. **Research Problem and Rationale (500 words max):**

- Describe the diabetes education issue or problem your research seeks to address and why it is significant. Highlight the gaps your research aims to fill.

5. **Research Aims and Objectives (300 words max):**

- List the specific objectives of the research.

6. **Research alignment with ADEA's strategy – see adea.com.au (300 words max)**

7. Methodology (300 words max):

- Provide a clear description of the research design, data collection methods, and analysis approach.
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8. Expected Outcomes and Impact: (300 words max):

- Describe the expected outcomes of your research and their potential impact on diabetes education, including how the results of the research project will be implemented and disseminated within your own area and to the broader diabetes education field
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9. Research Team (if applicable) (200 words max)

- Provide details of other people involved in or assisting with the research project, and their role.
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10. Timeline (200 words max):

- Provide an estimated timeline for the project, including commencement and completion dates.
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Section 3: Budget Breakdown

Provide a detailed budget for how the \$10,000 grant will be used. This should include but is not limited to:

- Personnel (e.g., assistants, consultants)
- Consumer engagement
- Data collection costs (e.g., surveys, interviews, equipment)
- Travel or fieldwork expenses
- Software/tools needed for analysis
- Other research-related expenses

Item	Amount (\$)
Personnel	
Data Collection/Materials	
Travel/Fieldwork Expenses	
Software/Tools	
Other (Specify)	
Total Requested	\$10,000

Section 4: Applicant's Research Experience

1. Previous Research Experience:

- Provide a summary of your previous research experience and how this grant will contribute to your career development in diabetes education research.
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2. **Mentorship or Supervision:**

- If applicable, provide the name and credentials of a mentor or supervisor who will support or guide you through the project. Provide details on the mentoring/ supervision plan e.g. meeting frequency, what support the mentor/ supervisor will provide, etc
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Section 5: Additional Information

- Please attach any relevant documents or supporting materials (e.g., CV, research publications, letters of support).
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Section 6: Declaration

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the grant funds must be used solely for the purposes outlined in this application and agree to submit a final report detailing the outcomes of the research within six months of completing the project.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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