

THE MARGARET TREMBATH SCHOLARSHIP 2022

Early Childhood Australia, South Australian Branch invites applications for the Margaret Trembath Scholarship for 2022 from individuals or organisations in Australia who are working in the field of early childhood (birth to eight years).

The Scholarship is available to support research in young children's learning, development and/or well-being. The value of the scholarship is up to a maximum of \$20,000 (tax exempt).

The research should inform the early childhood profession and benefit early childhood education and care in Australia. The successful applicant must obtain ethics approval and will be expected to write a publishable report and present their findings at the South Australia ECA branch executive committee.

APPLICANTS MUST USE THE APPLICATION FORM

Enquiries and application form requests can be directed to:

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Closing date: Close of Business, 31st May 2022

INFORMATION SHEET

Background

This research scholarship is named in honour of Margaret Trembath, nee Keeves, a distinguished South Australian educator in early childhood services. Her enthusiasm, persistence and courage to fight for the things she believed in, which included the pursuit of excellence in all things for children, were evident throughout her professional life not only in South Australia, but also interstate and overseas. Margaret died in 1981.



Margaret Trembath in 1966 (private collection)

Her teaching experience extended from the Lady Gowrie Child Centre to independent schools' interstate. While a supervisor with the Kindergarten Union of South Australia her responsibilities included lecturing at the Adelaide Kindergarten Teachers College; Preschool Adviser for the Kindergarten Union of South Australia; Professional Officer of the Childhood Services Council, South Australia; and Director at the Teachers Centre, Kindergarten Union of South Australia.

She was elected to senior offices in professional organisations including Chair of the Australian Association of Early Childhood Educators, South Australian Chapter; Secretary, Australian Early Childhood Association of South Australia; President of the Australian Federation of University Women, South Australia; and Chairman of the South Australian Chapter of the Australian College of Education.

To perpetuate the memory of Margaret Trembath, the Australian Association of Early Childhood Educators (later known as the Institute of Early Childhood Educators) established this trust fund in 1985. In 2000 Early Childhood Australia, South Australian Branch became the administrators of the trust fund.

Purpose

The scholarship is awarded to individuals, or nominated individuals in Australia, to support a research project in the general area of the care and education of young children (birth to eight years) and their families. The research should benefit early childhood education and care in Australia.

Guidelines

The scholarship is:

- Available to any Australian Citizen working in the field of early childhood (birth – 8 years).
- Not usually available to a candidate who will be undertaking a consultancy.
- Intended to contribute towards the costs involved in the research.
- The scholarship will not fund major capital expenditure.

Essential requirements:

- Relevant early childhood experience.
- Relevant research experience.
- The research must be presented in the form of an academically publishable report and presented to the ECA SA executive committee.

The proposal must demonstrate:

- Research that is designed to effect change and improve practice.
- Clear aims and research design and deliver measurable outcomes.

Desirable skills:

- Leadership skills.
- Experience in report writing.

The successful applicant must:

- Obtain ethics approval.
- Comply with ECA Code of Ethics.
- Present the research outcomes to the ECA SA executive committee upon completion of the research.
- Publish the benefits of the research within the early childhood field.
- Acknowledge the Margaret Trembath scholarship and ECA SA's support of the research in all documentation and presentations.

The scholarship is awarded as a one-year tenure. The recipient/s will be required to submit a 'review of progress report' to ECA SA at 6 months and 11 months. The final report will be due 3 months after completion of the research. A further 3 months will be allocated to respond to ECA feedback. Final payments will be provided upon approval of the final report. If timelines cannot be met, a written application to the Margaret Trembath Scholarship Chair seeking an extension will be required at least 2 weeks prior to the due date.

Please Note:

- Insurance is the responsibility of the researcher (please provide evidence of insurance).
- Past recipients of this scholarship may re-apply in the 5th year after the completion of their previous research.
- Data will be owned by ECA SA until the approval and acceptance of the final report. Upon acceptance of the report data ownership will be shared by the grant recipient and ECA.

Payment of the funds will be made on the following basis

- 50% upon ethics approval
- 30% upon receipt of the 6 month progress report
- 20% upon approval of the final report

For the completion of the application form, please note the following points:

Please complete all sections of the application form.

Additional pages attached to the application should be clearly numbered.

The completed application, including research tools and CVs of the researchers is to be emailed to the Margaret Trembath Scholarship Committee Chair Dr Lesley-anne Ey Lesley-anne.ey@unisa.edu.au by 31st May 2022

APPLICATION FORM

1. Project Title

2. Project Description:
 - a. Project Outline (need and purpose of the research, supported by literature)
 - b. Aims of the project.
 - c. Methods (data design, participants, research tools, procedure, data analysis). Please attach a copy of research tools e.g. interview, survey or observation proforma etc. and for researchers who are not associated with a university, details of how ethics approval will be obtained.

3. Project Team

| Name | Qualification | Institution/Organisation | Research Experience | Role (lead, co-investigator, advisor) |
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4. Researcher's details. Please attach a copy of each researcher's CV and a statement confirming that all research have Australian citizenship.

5. Amount being sought

6. Project timeframe

Proposed start date

Proposed end date

7. Collaboration with other organisations/groups/schools/centres (please list names and contact details).

8. Contribution to early childhood education and care in Australia. Please provide a statement on how your research will contribute to the field of early childhood education in Australia.

9. Project Budget

Please provide a detailed project budget research expenditures and other costs, including any in-kind contributions (in the form of a table). The scholarship will not fund major capital expenditure.

10. Project Management Plan

Please provide a detailed timeline management plan for the project (either in the form of a Gantt chart or a table).

11. I confirm that I agree to present findings of the research to the ECA SA executive committee (If travelling is required to do so, this must be factored into the budget expenditures).

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12. I confirm that I agree to submit an academically publishable report within 3 months of the completion of the research.

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13. I confirm that I agree to acknowledge the Margaret Trembath scholarship and ECA SA's support of the research in all documentation and presentations

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