

Joint Education Research Group

Criteria for collaborative research initiatives funded by the PEI Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

1. Principles

Projects should:

- add to the knowledge base of the area under research;
- be school-based, principally in PEI schools or early childhood based in early childhood centers;
- be designed to improve student learning;
- be designed to build research capacity in the school system or the early childhood sector;
- clearly demonstrate the application of the research to the educational setting;
- involve a partnership between UPEI and other stakeholders in the school system or early childhood sector;
- provide findings that feed back into UPEI teacher education programs and/or the PEI public school system or the early childhood sector;
- be presented in clear language and provide plans for the dissemination of findings to education partners (including at the UPEI Education Research Forum and through the UPEI Centre for Education Research website).

2. Process

Administration/scope of projects

- The Joint Education Research Group (JERG) will approve projects for funding, based on the stated criteria, and oversee research collaborations.
- The UPEI Centre for Education Research will support researchers in all aspects of the research process.
- A call for project proposals will be made on an annual basis. The JERG will communicate its decision within 4-6 weeks.

- Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$4500 per project. All applications must include a detailed budget, giving a rationale for items of expenditure and a list of estimated costs for each item.
- Grant money can be used for all research activities (as defined by UPEI Office of Research Development), except for dissemination costs outside the Atlantic region. Student assistant rates of pay will be those determined by UPEI Human Resources
- UPEI will cover overheads (eg. office costs, computer and library services) and faculty salaries as in-kind contributions.
- Applications to the JERG should be sent electronically to the Dean of Education (dean_ed@upei.ca).
- Approved applications should be submitted to the UPEI Research Ethics Board using the standard Research Ethics Board application form, and to any required school board process.
- On the completion of a funded research project, a summary report (including details of dissemination) should be forwarded to the JERG.

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