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## **EASA PhD Excellence Grant**

This grant is awarded annually to one Europe-based researcher who has defended their PhD thesis in the discipline of Australian Studies in the previous calendar year.

### **The Awarding Body**

The Grant is awarded by the EASA Grant Committee which consists of five standing members of the EASA. The EASA Grant Committee members are subject to change.

### **The Grant**

The successful applicant will receive €300 and will be expected to attend and prepare a presentation based on their PhD for the next EASA conference. Conference attendance will be free of charge. In addition, the successful applicant will also be able to attend another EASA conference free of charge. In other words, the successful applicant will be able to attend two successive EASA conferences free of charge (conference fee waiver).

### **The Purpose of the Grant**

We aim to assist and promote the work of young Australian studies researchers by connecting them with senior researches in this field. Apart from the monetary aspect of the Grant, the awardee will have a chance to present their work at two EASA conferences, receive additional feedback on their work and publish it in the EASA journal.

### **Eligible applicants**

Any Europe-based researcher who has successfully defended their thesis in the previous calendar year, i.e., from Jan 2 to Dec 30. (e.g., any candidate who defends their PhD thesis in 2023 is eligible to apply for the EASA PhD Excellence Grant in 2024).

The applicants do not have to be members of the EASA.

### **Procedure**

The applicants must provide the following three documents in .PDF format:

- PhD thesis;

- Summary (max. 1500 words) stating aims, methodology and results; and
  - Supervisor's report (c. 250 words) stating in brief the relevance of the applicant's PhD thesis.
- Please rename documents to contain your name followed by the tags: \_PhD\_EASAGrant; \_Summary\_EASAGrant; \_Report\_EASAGrant. (e.g., John Doe\_PhD\_EASAGrant.pdf)

Documents must be emailed to the Committee at [easa.grant@gmail.com](mailto:easa.grant@gmail.com) by March 15.

### **Deadlines**

- Eligible candidates must defend their PhD thesis between Jan 2 to Dec 30 of the previous calendar year;
- Grant documents must be submitted via email by March 15 of the grant year;
- The EASA Grant Committee will reach its decision by late July to enable the awardee to prepare for the upcoming EASA conference typically held in September or October.

All applicants are informed about the outcome of the PhD Excellence Grant application process via email.

For further enquiries, please email the Committee at [easa.grant@gmail.com](mailto:easa.grant@gmail.com).