



# NAFEA PROJECT GRANT INFORMATION SESSION JULY 2021

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# What the session will cover

## **Part 1: NAFEA Project Grant**

Past recipients

Benefits of the grant

## **Part 2: Thinking of an idea**

Your role in the university

Finding like-minded 'co-conspirators'

To research or not to research...

## **Part 3: Tips and process**

Application guidelines

The application process

Additional details



Since the beginning of the program in 2017, NAFEA has awarded more than \$20,000 to 11 projects across 7 institutions.

2 publications from grant funding in 2021

University	2017	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
Griffith University		1	1	1	3
La Trobe University			1		1
Monash University	1		1		2
Swinburn University			2		2
University of Southern Queensland				1	1
University of Wollongong				1	1
Victoria University		1			1
Grand Total	1	2	5	3	11

Up to \$2000 grants available for 2021



- ▶ One research team were able to acquire International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) approval as well as “road-testing it on a number of our industry partners who loved it”
- ▶ A diverse research team allowed for “the academic perspective...the university central employability WL perspective, and both college perspectives”
- ▶ Another project team were able to “get on the ground” and talk to students, allowing for regular check-ins and communication from the university to the students
- ▶ Post-project, one team are continuing to track the data around how many international students register their interest in doing the internship
- ▶ Another team now have an instrument that can be used to measure host site satisfaction of WL administrative processes/procedures and the value of WL to industry partners on an ongoing basis

## PART 2: THINKING OF AN IDEA



### Phase 1: Thinking of your role in the university

- Organisational goals
- Possibilities
- Challenges
- Improvements

### Phase 2: Finding collaborators

- The 5 HW (who, what, where, when, why, how)
- Pinpointing the direction of the project
- Putting the feelers out

### Phase 3: To research or not to research

- Project does not always equate to ethics-based or publication linked research



The funding is intended to:

- Increase knowledge and share good practices of WIL administration;
- Promote and share resources related to WIL administration;
- Promote and support NAFEA members to be involved in research and project activities to improve practices;
- Disseminate outcomes of the project to NAFEA members.

## PART 3: TIPS AND PROCESSES



Follow the guidelines



Set and stick to a timeline



Meet with a certain degree of regularity



Reach out for support



Email applications to [admin@nafea.org.au](mailto:admin@nafea.org.au)  
opening date 5<sup>th</sup> July

NAFEA Project Grant Fund

Research title:

Author/s: (optional)

*Please keep this report no longer than 2-3 pages in length.*

If you have agreed to make this report visible to the public it will appear on NAFEA's organisational website with the project title, aim and research questions. No personal details are provided. If you are keen to share more detail of the findings or from publications arising from this project please include your contact details in this report.

Contact details to be published; (Provide only the information you want included. Delete if not required)

Name:

Connection with project:

Phone/Email:

Website:

Research abstract (no more than 100 words)

Summary/Discussion of findings (no more than 100 words)

Generalisability and significance for the settings in your study or for relevance to Work Integrated Learning Programs.



## Additional details

NAFEA has the following requirements from the Project Grant recipients:

- Check-in with Research and Project Manager within 6 months of fund allocation (approx. November-December 2021)
- Submit a project report-within 12 months of fund allocation (30 July 2022)
- Disseminating and sharing outcomes for the NAFEA community
- Acknowledging NAFEA in any publications or presentations.

Optional opportunities for Project Grant recipients include:

- Presenting outcomes at a NAFEA annual conference
- Conducting a webinar around your research report or findings
- Spotlight your research journey in the quarterly NAFEA Newsletter (this includes a short interview with the Research and Project Manager)
- Submitting to the NAFEA Open Access Journal (launch date tbc).



# Thank you

Any questions?

Opening date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Closing date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Email applications to [admin@nafea.org](mailto:admin@nafea.org)

Notification within 2 weeks of closing date