OVERVIEW
The goal of this competitive award is to support HDR students in research degree programs in the School of Education as first author to present a paper from their thesis work at a key peer-reviewed international conference in the field of research.

The travel award:
- is a competitive award that provides financial support for the HDR student to present his/her work at an international educational research conference outside of Australia;
- increases opportunity for the HDR student to enhance scholarly profile/track record;
- must be used for a conference outside the candidate’s home country;
- can only be won once during HDR candidature;
- may be up to $2500 in value;
- is independent of Research Activity funds.

ELIGIBILITY
The HDR student must:
- Be enrolled as an HDR student at the time of application and reimbursement and not have applied for graduation. First year students are not eligible for this award;
- Be first author and presenter on work based on his/her thesis work at an international overseas conference;
- Preference will be given to second and third year students who have completed data gathering and analysis for their thesis research;
- Must have submitted all relevant APR and satisfactorily proceeded through candidature milestones (e.g. in a timely manner, not exceeded time allowed for degree).

CRITERIA
This is a competitive travel award. The award will be adjudicated based on the submitted application and one-page statement that specifies:
- Relevance of the conference to thesis studies;
- Potential to build track record evidenced through a publication plan for the conference paper, including journal significance, timeline;
- Evidence of scholarly inquiry and engagement;
- Winners of this award are expected to make a presentation at the annual HDR Student Conference.

GRANT VALUE and CLAIMING THE AWARD
This is a reimbursement grant where the expenses must first be incurred and then receipts submitted to the School Research Officer with the signed International Travel Award Claim Form for reimbursement. HDR students may only be awarded this grant once during the candidature, up to a value of $2500AUD (or equivalent). Grants may only be used to assist with the costs of economy travel, registration, accommodation and meals. There are up to four awards available yearly in this scheme.

APPLICATION
Written applications are to be submitted to the Head of Postgraduate Studies via the Research Officer, and include the following:
- Application form, completed and signed by the HDR student and endorsed by the student’s Supervisor;
- Abstract of paper;
- Written invitation or confirmation of acceptance, addressed to the student, to give a presentation at the conference. If a personalised email/letter is not available, please submit your generic acceptance letter AND a copy of the conference program where you and your presentation title are clearly listed;
- A one-page justification statement that includes: significance of the conference, justification for attending, relevance to your HDR studies, publication plan for the conference paper including significance of journal, timeline, planned date for paper presentation to School.

DEADLINES
Applications will be adjudicated twice yearly with dates for applications advertised early in the year. Successful applicants will be notified by email and then must submit original receipts (photocopies not accepted) no later than 3 months after the end of the conference.

SIGNATURES
Application Forms must have signatures of the HDR student and Supervisor.