

## D2L / ASCILITE RESEARCH GRANTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Introduction

ASCILITE has teamed with D2L to offer research/scholarship grants to ASCILITE members to fund research and/or development of projects on learning and teaching in the broad area of technology enhanced learning in higher education. A total of \$10,000 will be available for projects with a maximum funding of \$5,000 (there could be less funding with more projects being funded).

The call for the D2L/ASCILITE Grant applications will be made in November 2020. Applications will close towards the end of November and be announced at the annual conference for commencement in 2021.

Grant applicants have one year for the projects to be undertaken and completed with the final reports due in March the following year (thus, for the 2021 grants this will be March 2022). However, it is expected that the project will be disseminated at the annual ASCILITE conference at the end of the year (2021). Dissemination is strongly encouraged via ASCILITE channels such, but not limited to, the bulletin, webinars, TELall blog post, social media, workshops and other events.

Research/scholarship grants that involve more than one university are encouraged.

At least one member of the research team will be an Early Career Researcher (within five years of PhD or equivalent completion).

Projects need to align with the ASCILITE Strategic Plan and mission: <https://ascilite.org/governance/>

Successful grant recipients will be announced at the annual ASCILITE conference in late November or December each year and listed on the ASCILITE website.

#### Eligibility

The grant recipient must have been a financial member of ASCILITE for at least two (2) years prior to applying for funding and they need to remain a financial member for the duration and presentation of the project. Others who are listed on the application must be financial members of ASCILITE at the time of submitting the grant application and remain a member for the duration and presentation of the project.

As the final report is published on the ASCILITE website, only financial members should be included in the report. This means that if team members became financial members, they would then need to renew their membership prior to the final report being submitted to be included on the final report.

Note that ASCILITE Executive members are not eligible to be listed on any projects.

## Grant Funds Guidelines

In general, grant funds may be used for:

- Salaries, for example research assistant, student as partner
- Travel and accommodation, for example to project partners (economy travel)
- Minor operating expenses, for example administration, communication, minor printing costs
- Catering

Grant funds may NOT be used for:

- Purchasing equipment or technology
- Software purchase is not recommended but a justification may be considered
- Printing cost unless integral to the project
- Conference travel or registration

A justification for the budget should be provided in the application.

## Inability to complete the project

In the event that a grant recipient/s is/are unable to complete the project as approved, they must contact the ASCILITE Secretariat immediately and arrangements will be made to discuss other ways the grant outcomes might be achieved.

In the event the project cannot be progressed, remaining funds must be returned to ASCILITE with a statement of acquittal of funds.

## Grants Timeline

Grant applications should be made on the ASCILITE Grant Application Form and submitted to the [ASCILITE Secretariat](#) prior to 5pm AEST on the advertised due date.

No extensions of applications will be considered in 2020.

Projects should be completed before the end of the next calendar year from when project funds are awarded, but under special circumstances may be extended for an additional six (6) months with written approval from the ASCILITE Executive.

Thus in 2020, the grant funding will be available in January 2021 and the project to be completed by December 2021.

A project report must be submitted to the ASCILITE Executive within two (2) months from the finish of the project, i.e. before March 2022. This report will be made publicly available on the ASCILITE website (see Grant Report Template).

The report outcomes are presented (at least once) at the ASCILITE conference the year of the project or the following year.

## Grants Calendar 2020 – 2021

ASCILITE Research Grants	Timeline
Call for ASCILITE TEL research/scholarship grant applications	10 November 2020
Closing date for grant applications	20 November 2020
Review of grant proposals	End November 2020
Results of grant applications	29 November 2020
Announcement of grant winners at ASCILITE conference and on website	30 November 2020
Grant projects commence	January 2021
Grant completed	By December 2021
Dissemination of findings with other dissemination also expected	ASCILITE conference in 2021 and/or 2022
Final project report completed using the ASCILITE Grant Report Template	March 2022