WACE RESEARCH GRANT 2019

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The WACE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY

VALUE AND DURATION: $15,000

A research grant will be awarded to a researcher for a single research project. The project must be completed by the deadline on the application form (see IRC Grant Application Form on the WACE website). The funds will only be sent to the institutional research office or finance office of the Principal Investigator listed on the application form. No funds will be released to an individual researcher’s bank account.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2019     Decisions announced: August 2019

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: wace@uml.edu

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:
WACE seeks to promote research activity that will advance and strengthen the understanding of cooperative and work-integrated education (CWIE) in post-secondary/tertiary education across the globe and has, at its core, a focus within one of the identified WACE research themes. (see below)

FOCUS OF THE AWARD:
An awarded study may sample from a variety of disciplines, but the study findings must address one of the themes listed below. The results should have educational implications for CWIE programs across geographic regions and/or more than one institution. Preference will be given to proposals involving two or more institutions.

ELIGIBILITY:
1. The Principal Investigator must be affiliated with a post-secondary/tertiary institution
2. The Principal Investigator must have an established research and publication record. Given the amount of the award, the Principal Investigator must demonstrate the dissemination of results and/or findings of previous studies they have completed. Experience and qualifications are demonstrated through past research and publications as indicated on the CV.
3. The proposed project must not be funded by other granting agencies but can be tangential to - or stem from - the findings of a previously funded research project.
4. The proposal must address one of the following research themes:

Research Themes
1. Mapping and Reconciling Goals and Expectations Across Multiple Stakeholders
   Examples:
* How does WIL meet the needs of students, institutions, alumni, employers, industry, government, and/or community?
* What perspectives do employers have of CWIE?

II. Social and Political Trends - including gender, race, socio-economic status, and accessibility:
   Examples:
   * What is the impact of cultural intelligence and global citizenship on student employability?
   * How are institutions and employers ensuring equal access to CWIE programs and work placements for all students?
   * What is the impact of social networking and expectations of corporate confidentiality on employers’ expectations of students?
   * What is the impact of political shifts and economic challenges on policy and program development at the institutional level?

III. Assessment and Evaluation
   Examples:
   * What is the impact of institutional program assessments on student employability and/or employer retention?
   * How reliable are students’ self-assessments and do the outcomes match employers’ assessments of student performance?
   * What are the best methods and instruments for assessing the outcomes of participating in a CWIE program?

IV. Graduate Attributes
   Examples:
   * What graduate attributes are necessary for global citizenship and success in a global labour market?
   * What are the learning outcome differences between multidisciplinary work experiences and discipline-specific work experiences?

V. Transfer of Learning
   Examples:
   * Are students applying the theories learned in the classroom to their practice in the workplace?
   * Does practical work experience gained from CWIE impact career identity, career development and/or career certainty?

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete the online WACE Grant Application Form that is located on the WACE IRC Webpage.
2. Ensure all attachments (CVs and sample scales) are included.
3. Once the Grant Application is complete, save it then email it to wace@uml.edu along with all required documents attached.
4. Only complete applications submitted to the email address will be accepted, all others will be returned.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESEARCHERS:
1. The Principal Investigator will sign a WACE research grant agreement indicating they will meet the Organizations’ expectations – adhering to the grant deadline, using funds for eligible expenses only with a maximum 30% allocated to travel, and disseminating the results at the WACE World Conference or International Research Symposium, and publishing in an academic journal or WACE conference proceedings.
2. The Principal Investigator will submit a progress report to the WACE IRC Executive 12 months after receiving the grant. The progress report will include the status of the project, a brief financial report, and a statement regarding the plans for dissemination of the results. A template will be provided.

3. The Principal Investigator will submit a final research report to the WACE IRC Executive within 3 months of the conclusion of the study. This report will include a summary of the project, a full financial statement endorsed by the approved individual managing the funds, and a statement regarding the dissemination of the results. A template will be provided.

4. In the event that researchers are not able to begin the research, all funds must be returned to WACE.

5. In the event, the researchers are not able to complete the research, all unused funds must be returned to WACE.

6. In the event the Principal Investigator leaves their institution, all unused funds must be returned to WACE.

7. In the event there are unused funds remaining after the project has been completed, such unused funds must be returned to WACE.

For more information regarding the grant, please contact:

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