

Guide to Requests for In-kind Support for Research Projects

ESSA will consider requests from researchers, research students or institutions for in-kind support for research projects. This may take the form of letters of support for competitive research grants, dissemination of surveys to ESSA membership, requests to support in recruiting study participants, or other in-kind contributions to research by ESSA or ESSA staff members.

At least one investigator must be a financial or student member of ESSA. Requests for in-kind support for research are overseen and evaluated by the ESSA Research Committee and received through the ESSA Research email account. Successful requests must align with ESSA priorities and ESSA's capacity to assist. This requires clear evidence that the data generated would be in the best interests of the profession and ESSA membership.

Researchers seeking ESSA to partner with them in applications for major NHMRC, ARC and MRFF grants and similar are strongly encouraged to speak with the ESSA Research Program Advisor well in advance of the grant submission deadline to ensure ESSA has capacity to contribute to the proposal and to maximise the opportunity for a successful and mutually beneficial partnership.

If the project requires the dissemination of surveys or other information to ESSA members, such research may require communication access to ESSA members. Direct access to the ESSA membership database cannot be provided to a third party due to provisions of the *Privacy Act 2012* and will be mediated by ESSA. In-kind support requests requiring distribution to members will be evaluated by ESSA and/or the ESSA Research Committee and where approved, requests may be distributed to members via various marketing communication channels (e.g., ESSA Research Portal, Closed Facebook page/groups, fortnightly member eNews, ESSA website, etc.). Preferred communication channels should be described and justified by the research team as part of their request for support.

Types of in-kind research support

Type & Number	In-Kind Research Support Type Description
1. Letter of Support	Letter of Support for seeking competitive external research funding
2a. Share member research survey	Share approved research survey link for full ESSA member and research team to collect research data under ethics, usually post-grant success.
2b. Share student member research survey	Share approved research survey link for an ESSA student member (Research Higher Degree) to enhance recruitment to projects.
3. Share training opportunity	Share training opportunity that is part of what research is assessing.
4. Collaborate for a research / industry partnership through a grant	Develop and form a research partnership Seek Letter of Support for the grant application.
5. Disseminate research outputs as part of grant application	Request dissemination only of research outputs (during and after the project) as part of a grant application. Seek a Letter of Support.
6. Disseminate findings post-project	Request dissemination of research findings at end of project (may not have funding).
7. Project announcement	Request research project announcement
8. Other	Other

Applicants seeking in-kind support for research projects must submit a completed ***Requests for ESSA In-kind Support for Research Projects Form*** and provide associated supporting documentation as detailed within the form.

This must include written future commitment to:

- advise if the grant application was successful
- share the final results of the study with ESSA, and
- notify ESSA of any expected dates for publication or presentation of the results including the title of the journal or conference where those results will be shared.

Enquiries regarding in-kind support for research projects can be submitted to research@essa.org.au.

Submit completed requests for in-kind support for research projects to research@essa.org.au.

ESSA will not accept requests for consideration outside of the dates for rounds of assessment on the ESSA in-kind research support webpage. ESSA reserves the right to determine which projects will be supported in accordance with ESSA's strategic priorities.