

BEEBY AWARD

The Beeby Award supports development of an innovative learning resource based on high quality research. The Award supports partnerships between research and practice communities so that learners benefit from research findings. Applications are welcome from individuals and groups. The resource is intended to have a positive impact on learning outcomes in Aotearoa New Zealand. The learning resource can be in any format that enables easy use in a range of learning environments, not limited to schools.

The Award is a joint initiative of the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) and the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO. Dr Clarence Beeby was the inaugural Director of NZCER and was Assistant Director-General of UNESCO from 1948-1949. The Award demonstrates the overlap in the strategic objectives of both organisations.

The Award is worth \$30,000. The recipient/s are expected to devote 3-4 months full-time or equivalent on the Award. The resulting resource is expected to be of high quality and to be published by NZCER Press.

The Award is to support the preparation of a practical resource based on research that has been completed or is in the process of being completed. The Award is not intended to be used to fund the research itself, nor is it intended to fund a resource that would require ongoing funding.

The recipient/s are expected to be involved in promoting their learning resource and the Award. This may include news stories, interviews, media releases and presenting a seminar in a location negotiated with NZCER and the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO.

Selection criteria

The recipient/s are selected by a panel representing NZCER and New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO. The criteria are agreed annually by the funding organisations and are intended to select an application that will have a positive impact on learning outcomes in Aotearoa New Zealand. The criteria for assessing applications in this round are:

1. alignment with one or more of the objectives agreed by the funding organisations. The objectives agreed for the 2020 Award reflect our aspirations for a socially just and equitable society, and include:
 - supporting active participation in the democratic process
 - addressing community issues with science and indigenous knowledge
 - understanding the value and contribution of cultural diversity to Aotearoa New Zealand.
2. significance of the research the resource is based on: why is it credible and relevant?
3. demonstration of how the resource will draw on both practice and research knowledge to support learning.
4. potential of the resource to have a positive impact on learning.

5. suggestions, at a high level, for how the resource might be used and how it could be disseminated.

The panel may engage with preferred applicants to suggest or develop partnerships that will increase the potential impact of the resource.

Applications are welcome from those working in the education sector or related sectors, including early childhood, kura kaupapa, and communities in Aotearoa New Zealand. Applicants should have experience of undertaking and applying educational research or be working with an educational researcher.

Instructions for applicants

Applicants for the Beeby Award should submit the following documents. For applications from partnerships, all partners must provide the documents listed at point 2 (below) in support of a joint proposal and covering letter.

1. A proposal (maximum 4 pages) which includes
 - i. a working title
 - ii. a description of the intended innovative resource
 - iii. an outline of how the proposal meets the selection criteria
 - iv. a framework for the resource (e.g. outline of chapters for a book, description of teaching resources), which clearly shows how the resource will enable learning
 - v. an outline of how the resource will be evaluated
 - vi. a timeline for producing the resource.
2. The application should include the following for all parties in a group:
 - a letter from their employer (if employed) stating that leave of absence will be granted to work on the Award project if required
 - the names and contact information for two referees
 - a brief (two-page) CV.

Please email your application to:

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Applications open 06 July 2020 and close at 5pm Friday 21 August 2020.