

The intent of the grants is to fund the actual and direct staff time and materials specific to design, conduct, and analysis of the research project. WERA will not fund expenses which accrue to the researcher, members of the research team or subjects, or the researcher's institution. Therefore, in general, WERA research grants will not be granted for the following:

- Items that become the personal possessions of the researcher or research institution, e.g., software or hardware, subscriptions, professional library materials, or research equipment;
- Costs related to publishing the research;
- The cost of tuition or training fees, even if it is relevant to the project; or
- Travel to present the research, although travel related to collection of data may be funded.

Proposal Evaluations

Each proposal will be considered by a committee of WERA members who will consider the relevance, worthiness, feasibility, and workability, as well as the likelihood that that research will result in valid and reliable findings. A representative of the committee may contact the researcher and request more information or make suggestions which would make the grant more likely to meet WERA guidelines. The recommendations of the committee will be submitted to the WERA Board whose decision is final.

Expectations

Successful applicants will be expected to give assurance that:

- 1) the project will be completed as proposed;
- 2) grant monies will be expended as outlined;
- 3) an appropriate final report will be submitted; and
- 4) following the acceptance of the final report by the WERA Board, the investigator(s) will present the findings from the study at a subsequent WERA Conference.

