



Binda Goldsbrough Research Fund

- 1. Background**

MANZ has set aside a research fund to provide a practical means of supporting Montessori research in New Zealand.
- 2. Pool of Funding**

The research fund comes from interest from MANZ funds. Interest gained in the previous year becomes the Research Fund amount for the following year.
- 3. Criteria**

Research proposals should be based in and benefit Montessori education in New Zealand.
- 4. Application Dates**

Applications can be sent at any time during the year and are announced at conference each year.
- 5. Assessment of Application**

Research applications for funding will be selected by the MANZ Council, with the support of current Montessori researchers in New Zealand or overseas. Recipients will be advised at earliest notice.
- 6. Budget**

You will need to provide a budget for the funds you are applying for giving details of how the research fund will be spent and provide receipts of costs with your final report.
- 7. What could be funded?**

Costs that may be considered include replacement teacher funding, equipment hire (eg. video cameras or audio recorders), transcription costs, koha to participants, travel and accommodation at other locations and books or subscriptions required for the research. Other costs may also be considered.
- 8. Eligibility**

Kaiako (teachers) in MANZ member centres and schools and individual members of MANZ interested in conducting research projects in the area of Montessori philosophy and practice are invited to apply for the MANZ Research Fund. To become an individual see www.montessori.org.nz/join-manz If research is conducted in Montessori early childhood centres, primary or secondary schools, then these centres/schools must be members of MANZ.
- 9. Report**

A research report will be required every 3 months and within three months after the specified end of the project. Failure to produce the report will mean that MANZ will seek to recover the research grant, at the applicant's cost.
- 10. Failure to Complete Project**

The project fund is required to be repaid if the applicant fails to carry out the research project. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration.

If you need some help in making this application please do not hesitate to ask Cathy Wilson, Executive Officer, for feedback on your proposal, eo@montessori.org.nz

Guidelines for MANZ Research Fund Application

1. Personal details

Complete this section, providing all details.

If the research project will be undertaken by more than one researcher, please provide details of all people involved.

2. Research Setting

If the research setting is a Montessori early childhood centre or school, then the centre or school must be a member of Montessori Aotearoa New Zealand.

The principal or owner/manager of the centre(s) or school(s) participating in the research should sign the application form to show that they are aware of the research project and that they will provide all the necessary facilities, time etc to allow the proposed research project to be undertaken.

If the research setting is not in a Montessori early childhood centre or school, please describe the research setting.

Please check www.montessori.org.nz/schoolsearch for up to date lists of MANZ members or check with the Executive Officer, MANZ eo@montessori.org.nz

3. Academic Details

Give a breakdown of the qualifications that you or your team have attained, the institution and the year.

4. Relevant Work Experience

Give a breakdown of any previous work experience, concentrating on those periods of employment which are directly relevant to your proposed programme of research.

5. Reason for Application

Briefly state what has motivated you to apply for support from the MANZ Research Fund.

6. Proposed Research Project

This section relates directly to the research project that you are proposing to undertake.

7. Project Title

Eight words or fewer, give a title which encapsulates the nature of your proposed project of research.

8. Project Abstract

Provide a brief summary of your proposed research project.

9. Project Objectives and Method(s)

Objectives should be achievable in the time frame indicated. The objective description should include:

- a statement giving the aim of the objective(s);
- an indication as to why the research is being done;
- an indication of the methodology (what you will do) and the timeframe for the research.

10. Research Findings

Explain how the findings of the research will be passed on and shared with the national and/or international Montessori community.

11. Referees

Please provide two referees and their contact details who can be contacted about this application. Please note that MANZ Council may independently obtain reports from other people it considers competent to referee your proposal.

12. Funding

Please specify in detail expenses you may have in relation to the research and the funds you are applying for.

13. Ethical Statement

You need to provide evidence of obtaining or having obtained ethical clearance for the research from an appropriate Ethics Committee, if appropriate. This statement should affirm that the proposed research is ethically acceptable within your discipline.

14. Declaration

Please ensure that all information contained in the application is true and accurate in every particular.

Binda Goldsbrough Research Fund Application Form

You can fill in this form or use the headings to provide information.

1. Contact Details

Name(s):

Contact email:

Phone no:

Address:

2. Research Setting

Name centre(s) or kura where research will be conducted:

Representatives of centre or school to sign to show support for the research project:

Name:

Signature:

NB. If the research is conducted in a Montessori centre or kura then this centre/school must be a member of MANZ.

If research is conducted in a setting other than a Montessori centre or school, please describe:

3. Academic details of people involved in conducting research

Qualification	Institution	Year

4. Relevant work experience of people involved

Place of work	Position	Year

5. Reason for application

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6. Research Title

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7. Research General Abstract

8. Project Objectives and Method

9. Explain how your research will be shared with Montessori community nationally and/or internationally

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10. What is the proposed end date of your research project? Note: A report needs to be issued to Executive Officer, MANZ every 3 months and at completion of research

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11. Referees

Please provide the names and contacts of two referees

	Name	Contact details
1.		
2.		

12. Funding

Provide details of how much money you are applying for and how this will be spent

Expenses	Amount
Total	

Detail any other funding source

Funding Source	Amount

Total	

13. Ethical statement

14. Declaration

I/we declare all the information provided in this application is true and accurate in every way.

Signed:

Date: