

daCi Across Borders Research Initiative Guidelines

These guidelines are constructed to provide a consistent approach to the allocation of funds to support daCi's Across Borders Research Initiative.

The purpose of this research initiative is to address the following aims:

- To promote research about children's dance among daCi members
- To promote exchange across national and cultural borders
- To support daCi members' acknowledgement of research promoting daCi aims
- To facilitate understanding of cultural and paradigmatic differences in methodology and procedures
- To build a cross-cultural knowledge base about children's dance

FUND AVAILABILITY:

Research funds of up to CDN\$5,000 will be allocated with the possible distribution of funds occurring over a three-year period.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS:

Research funds are available to all members of daCi (Dance and the Child International) who apply to undertake research that meet the stated objectives of daCi Across Borders Research Initiative. Research projects that exceed \$5,000 will be considered if they have support from other grants or agencies.

FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR:

- **Research assistance** for database searches, transcribing, computer data entry and the like. The amount paid for transcribing will be based on current rates for transcribing and coding.
- **Travel and accommodation** (based on the best rates available).
- Original invoices and receipts will be required in order to claim any expenses.

Please note that this fund will not normally cover the following:

- Computer hardware
- Computer software that is readily available and commonly used
- Equipment purchases (e.g. dvd/cd players, video cameras, television monitors, digital recorders)
- Other overheads such as meals or employment related expenses

Applications should be made on the appropriate application form Across Borders Research Initiative, which can be accessed on the daCi website and send to the international secretary: secretary@daci.international

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

The decision to grant applications will be based on the overall quality and purpose of the proposed research project. The following will be used as a guide to consider the granting of an application. New and emerging practitioners/researchers as well as more experienced researchers will be considered on an equal basis pertinent to the proposed research project.

- The provision of a clearly explained and completed research proposal
- The significance of the research and its potential to meet the specific aims of the Across Borders Research Initiative
- The appropriateness of the proposed methodology
- The specification and justification of funding requirements
- The relevance and the importance of the project especially from the perspective of the aims of daCi
- The degree to which the research promotes collaboration and exchange between different nations and cultures
- The degree to which this research contributes to the overall culture of research
- The impact of the research on both a national and international level
- The projected contribution of the research in building a cross-cultural knowledge base on children's dance
- The recommendations of three referees of which one will be a daCi member

KEY POINTS

Funds should only be used for the purposes specified in the application. You should notify the committee if there are any proposed changes to those specified in the original application.

Progress reports should be provided at six monthly intervals and a final report should be submitted once the project has been completed. This report should include a copy of any publications resulting from the research and any possible forthcoming publications arising from the research.

Allocated funds need to be spent within the timeline provided for the completion of the project. Any unused funds need to be returned to daCi.

Applications will be viewed by at least three people (usually those nominated to hold positions on the research committee of daCi, which comprises a chair and two evaluators, unless there is a conflict of interest).

If ethical requirements need to be considered, funding will not be supplied until proof of ethical approval is provided.