

Research Guidelines for 2016-2017

Introduction:

One of the key strategies being pursued by the government to achieve inclusive growth is improving access to quality education. Although considerable resources have been allocated to education, there is still a need to ensure greater access to education and the learning success of every school-aged Filipinos.

Various education initiatives have been undertaken by the government to improve the delivery of quality education. Both public and private schools have actively engaged in the implementation of relevant policies and programs despite the challenges they face. The prevailing issues and concerns of the education sector point to the importance of research to provide analysis, insights and new knowledge for the use of education decision-makers, policy-makers, school leaders and practitioners navigating a Philippine education landscape that is continuously being shaped by the need to make the education system more responsive to the needs of the Filipino learners.

Description:

The Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) has been engaged by the Department of Education (DepEd) to implement its GASTPE Program with the following components: the Education Service Contracting (ESC) Program; the Teacher Salary Subsidy (TSS); and starting 2016-2017, the Senior High School (SHS) Voucher Program. One of the responsibilities of the PEAC is to propose, for DepEd approval and funding, the conduct of research and evaluation studies on the ESC and TSS as well as on priority education-related issues subject to DepEd's approval.¹

The **Research and Innovation for Success in Education (RISE) Program** is an initiative of the PEAC to serve as a mechanism to encourage the conduct of research on Philippine education by higher educational institutions and private educational associations with research capacity as well as research organizations with a proven track record in particular fields so as to generate knowledge on areas that affect Philippine education, particularly on the education policies and programs that aim to improve access to quality basic education. Project proposals are reviewed by a Research Committee constituted by the PEAC and approved by the PEAC and DepEd.

¹ DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2015 – Policies and Guidelines for the Implementation of the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GASTPE) Program Effective School Year 2015-2016

Priority areas of research:

The PEAC will constitute a Research Committee for the purpose of identifying and recommending priority areas of research for its approval every fiscal year. Experts in a particular field or discipline shall also be invited to give advice to the Research Committee.

For 2016-2017, research proposals that are of particular interest are those that are in support of policy formulation, review, and implementation that contribute to improving access of every Filipino to a complete quality basic education and to ensuring the preparedness of every graduate for further education and world of work. More specifically, the Research Committee shall prioritize research that contribute to the following outcomes:

- **Effective implementation of the senior high school, including the SHS Voucher Program**
- **Effective implementation of the Education Service Contracting (ESC) for private junior high schools**
- **Effective implementation of other GASTPE program components and related activities such as the Teacher Salary Subsidy (TSS), In-Service Training (INSET), and ESC Certification**

For urgent policy concerns, the PEAC may commission studies that contribute to improving the plans, policies, programs, and activities of the PEAC in the discharge of its mandate.

Who can apply:

- Applicant must be a private higher education institution, educational association, or a research organization with track record and capacity to undertake a research project.
- For HEIs and educational associations, the principal investigator must be an active faculty member of the institution/member-institution and preferably has prior experience in research in the chosen area.

Application requirements:

- Application cover letter from the project leader or principal investigator, and endorsed by the President of the HEI/educational association or from the head of the research organization
- Fully accomplished online application form (project profile) with complete attachments in the prescribed formats and templates:
 - Project proposal (refer to Guidelines for Concept Proposal)
 - Implementation plan
 - Proposed budget
- Concise curriculum vitae of the researchers

All forms and attachments should be submitted in six (6) hard copies and a soft copy to the PEAC National Secretariat.

Evaluation criteria:

All applications will be evaluated by the Research Committee. Applications submitted will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Potential to contribute to the specified outcomes
- Innovation
- Products and results
- Coverage and collaborative efforts
- Institutional commitment
- Personnel resources
- Project duration
- Budget

Submission of application:

Applications must be sent to the PEAC National Secretariat no later than August 31, 2016.

Selection process:

All applications submitted within the set deadline will undergo a screening process set below.

1. Applications are subjected to an initial screening by checking and verifying the eligibility requirement and the completeness of the required documentation. Applications that are submitted late and incomplete will not be considered for further review.
2. Applications that passed the initial screening will undergo a review and evaluation by the Research Committee using the criteria described in the guidelines.

In cases when a member of the Research Committee is affiliated with an applicant institution, the member inhibits himself from the review and evaluation of the proposal. Experts may be invited to do the review and proponents may be asked to give a presentation of project proposal.

3. The Research Committee will come up with a short list of research project proposals.
4. PEAC will approve research projects for the review and approval of DepEd.
5. The PEAC National Secretariat will notify the successful applicants by email. The list of successful applicants will also be posted to the PEAC website at www.fape.org.ph.

Conditions of the funding:

For research projects, especially those with a substantial counterpart from the proponent, the copyright shall remain with DepEd and the proponent.

For commissioned works, the person who so commissioned the work shall have ownership of the work, but the copyright thereto shall remain with the creator, unless there is a written stipulation to the contrary.

Funding value and coverage:

The funding will be for a one-year period.

The funding may cover partial or full cost of the project. For proposals recommended for partial funding, given the available funds, the funding shall cover any of the specified items under the 'Direct Cost', namely:

- Personal Services: honoraria to researchers and consultants
- Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses
 - Travel Expenses (related to data gathering and limited to local travels)
 - Consultancy Services
 - Survey Expenses

The Research Committee will recommend the amount of the funding. PEAC approves the funding value for each proposed research projects. DepEd reviews and approves the funding for the research projects.

Execution of funding:

With approval of PEAC and DepEd of projects for funding, the successful applicant will receive the Memorandum of Agreement for signature.

Disbursement of funds:

Funds are disbursed following a schedule of releases as indicated in the Memorandum of Agreement.

Reporting of fund utilization:

The institution will submit its liquidation report of the funding received, including supporting documents in accordance with general accounting principles, to the PEAC National Secretariat.