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OSSTF/FEESO Research Grant for Emergent Issues and Priorities

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Joel Duff, Associate General Secretary – Professional Services

For Information

OSSTF/FEESO is strongly committed to supporting and promoting evidence-informed practices in public education. As part of that commitment, OSSTF/FEESO supports high-quality research and is pleased to announce up to three (3) research grants of up to \$3,500 each, to support conducting, presenting, and publishing research in support of public education.

Grant Criteria:

- Relevance to 2025-2026 research priority, listed below;
- Willingness to write a summary report for OSSTF/FEESO and/or an article for Education Forum magazine;
- Evidence of support for public education and/or the labour movement in previous publications and activities;
- Quality and feasibility of the project for which funding is sought;
- A budget of estimated research expenses.

Theme Identified for the 2025-2026 Academic Year:

- Building Stronger Schools and Universities: Advancing Democratic Governance Through Meaningful Community Participation (Preference will be given to applications with an Ontario and/or Canadian Education focus).

Note: At least one of the three (3) grants will be reserved for researchers who identify as Indigenous, equity-seeking, or oppressed groups.

The application deadline for the 2025-2026 Academic year is **by 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2026**. All successful applicants will be informed by February 16, 2026.

The application forms and any attachments can be emailed to Peter Bates (peter.bates@osstf.ca) and copied to Yeshna Beeyafan (yeshna.beeyafan@osstf.ca). You will receive an email confirming your submission once received.

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