# BALEAP TEAP Scholarship Award 2024

# Call for proposals: Exploring the BALEAP TEAP scheme.

BALEAP is pleased to announce a call for scholarship proposals to investigate its individual TEAP accreditation scheme. Through this £5000 award, we aim to facilitate the production of original scholarship that will contribute to the development of TEAP as a field of academic endeavour and educational practice, and to the development of BALEAP as an organisation that works to support EAP practitioner development.

## What is the purpose of this award scheme?

* To support the production of high-quality scholarship relevant to EAP practitioners.
* To exemplify the importance of scholarship in developing as TEAP practitioners.
* To critically engage with scholarship in order to improve the practices and understanding of the TEAP scheme.

## Who can apply?

Any person or group of people with a formal affiliation to BALEAP may submit a proposal. At least one person per proposal must have either individual or institutional membership of BALEAP.

The award is not intended to support the buy out of staff time - £5000 would not cover these costs. So any applicant would need to secure institutional agreement that they could spend time on this project, or have the means to be able to spend time on the project externally to other paid work.

## What type of activity will be considered?

This award aims to fund a project that focuses specifically on the individual TEAP scheme and its relationship to practitioner development, qualifications and routes into and through EAP as a career. Suggested areas of exploration include:

* A critical analysis of the TEAP competency framework
* An exploration of the knowledge base that informed or is suggested by the TEAP framework
* Exploration of the claims made by the TEAP scheme in terms of meeting the needs of the profession and/ or the individual
* An analysis of the reasons why EAP practitioners chose to participate or not participate in the TEAP scheme
* A tracking study of those who have become accredited through the TEAP scheme
* Discourse analysis of published communications relating to the TEAP scheme (e.g. the handbooks)

N.B. This is not an exhaustive list.

## What type of activity is outside the scheme?

* We define scholarship here as an original investigation undertaken to gain knowledge and understanding.
* The investigation must not have already taken place or be underway.
* The outputs must be in English (though there may also be a version of all or part of the output(s) in another language or languages).
* Funding will usually only be agreed for a period of one year. If your project will require more than one year, you will need to give a clear justification for this on the application form.
* This scheme is not intended to fund the field work of Ph.D. candidates or similar.

## What outputs are required?

Successful applicants must produce:

1. a written report (maximum two pages) of the findings, conclusions and/or recommendations for publication on the BALEAP website
2. a two-to-three-minute video or podcast on the highlights of the project for publication on the BALEAP website and a workshop through one of the BALEAP channels/ events
3. a final financial report detailing project spending (this can take the format of a simple email detailing expenses with an accompanying expense claim)

We also encourage additional outputs following on from the above (so probably beyond the timescale included here). These may include:

* resources for teachers/ applicants to the TEAP scheme and/ or teacher educators
* presentations at BALEAP conferences or professional interest meetings (PIMS).
* a final paper to be submitted for publication to a recognised journal or publisher, with support as required.

## How can I apply?

Please complete the application form.

Please submit clarification questions to [teap@baleap.org](mailto:teap@baleap.org) . We will reply to individual questions by email.

There will also be a webinar for potential applicants where we will discuss details of the scheme, including addressing any questions, on Friday 24 May 12-1.30pm UK time. To register for this, please do so by sending an email to [teap@baleap.org](mailto:teap@baleap.org). You will be sent a link to a Zoom meeting the day before.

The deadline to submit scholarship proposals is Monday 16 September 2024.

## Timeline

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| Call for proposals | 9 May 2024 |
| Webinar | 24 May 2024 |
| Q&A document available | 28 June 2024 |
| Deadline for applications | 16 September 2024 |
| Interviews with applicants | Negotiable between 1-17 October 2024 |
| Decision communicated to applicants | 18 October 2024 |
| Contracts finalised and signed (including confirmation of ethical approval where necessary) | 1 November 2024 |
| Mid-point report/ review | April 2025 |
| Expected date for submission of research paper | January 2026 |