

# ABSA Boarding School Research Funding Application Form



## Overview

ABSA is offering financial support to those looking at undertaking specific research into the boarding school market. ABSA is open to support a wide range of areas – examples include:

- financial literacy
- staff and/or boarder well-being
- how rosters, routines and schedule effect boarders' overall wellbeing/performance
- how rosters, routines and schedule effect staffs' overall wellbeing/performance
- benefits of being a boarder
- historical trends in boarding
- how economic impacts effect boarding schools
- how gaming and online activity influence boarders mood
- life skills
- sleep habits.

## Process

ABSA requires interested participants to submit their area of study and how this will assist the boarding market. Once submissions are made, the ABSA Executive will analyse and, if successful, approve the applications. Following, ABSA will be contacting leading organisations and companies who work in the selected field to secure available funding and grants for the study to be conducted.

## Requirements

ABSA is happy to assist with the research by providing context, introductions to schools, data and more. Outcomes of the study will include published information in the world's leading professional boarding journal 'Lights Out', into CEBER, the world's boarding research hub, and presentations including conferences and webinars.

## Timeframes

- ABSA will be opening applications every year during September and October.
- ABSA will seek interested organisations and companies to secure funding and grants for the approved study and notify successful applicants by December if funding is finalised.

# Application

## Research Proposal Submission

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name

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Address

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Phone

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Work Email

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Professional qualifications (if any)

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Current position

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Current school

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Total length of boarding service

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## BOARDING EXPERIENCE

School name

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School address

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Position and responsibilities

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Time in position from \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

School name

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School address

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Position and responsibilities

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Time in position from \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Please add an extra sheet if you have more to add.

## Research Proposal Submission

What area of study in Boarding Schools are you focusing on?

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How will this study advance and assist the boarding community to improve their practices?

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From start to completion, what is the predicted length of study to be undertaken?

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Is the research project linked to a University? If yes, which University and what qualification?

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**Please confirm you are happy to commit to the following by ticking the box:**

- I am happy to write and submit articles for Lights Out after the completion of the study.
- I am happy to present at either an ABSA Webinar or Conference based on the study.
- I am happy to share the findings of the research with ABSA and the relevant organisation funding the study.

**Please indicate what support you believe you may require from ABSA:**

- Funding.
- Data and Information.
- Introductions to schools.
- Other. If yes, please indicate the requirements of support below:

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## Research Project Summary

Please provide further information about your study and why you are interested in conducting this project (max 1,000 words):

(Information may include: Why is the study relevant, style or type of research, how you plan to undertake the study, number of staff, students or schools to be interviewed, outcome/s hoped for).

## PROFESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT

Please supply the details of a colleague who can be contacted to endorse the application. This should be your immediate line manager, Head of Boarding (or equivalent) or Head/Principal as appropriate. Heads of Schools may ask their Chair of the Board or another professional of suitable standing to whom you are well known. In exceptional circumstances (e.g. if you or your line manager are new in post) please use an appropriate colleague from a current or recent school who knows you and your boarding practice well.

Name

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Job title

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School

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Telephone number and email

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## DECLARATION

- I agree to ABSA undertaking such checks as may be necessary to verify the details on this application.
- If accepted, I agree for ABSA to source appropriate funding based on the information provided.
- I confirm my commitment to:
  - Child Protection/Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children
  - Achieving the best boarding practice and the best outcomes for boarders
  - Working in a positive collaborate manner with other boarding colleagues.
- I understand that the ABSA Boarding School Research funding will be determined based on the decision by the Executive and availability of funding.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_



**ABSA is very grateful to all those interested in undertaking further research in to boarding schools. If you feel unable to provide enough information, please advise ABSA ([absa@boarding.org.au](mailto:absa@boarding.org.au)). In line with accepted best practice, ABSA will verify each endorsement by email or by telephone.**



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