



Practice Development Grants 2022-23 - Guidance for Applicants

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications portal opens on our website	Monday 13 June 2022
Zoom Webinar for applicants	Wednesday 6 th July and Monday 8 th August 1-2pm on Zoom
Deadline for applications:	Wednesday 31 August 2022 4pm (UK time)
Applicants notified of the final outcome:	Monday 19 September 2022
Projects must begin:	Before 31 March 2023

THE FROEBEL TRUST

1. Friedrich Froebel (1782-1852) was a pioneering German educator whose enduring influence has spread far and wide. He devised a set of principles and practices which formed part of an interactive education process, which he named 'Kindergarten.'
2. The Froebel Trust is a UK-based charity, which aims to promote and advance knowledge and understanding of a Froebelian approach to education, for the benefit of children (birth to eight years) and their families and educators, communities and environments.
3. The Froebel Trust's vision is of a world in which childhood is valued in its own right and each child's capability is recognised and respected. It is one in which all young children (birth to eight years) have access to high quality educational experiences based on [Froebelian principles](#).

OUR CHARITABLE PURPOSES & FUNDING

4. The Froebel Trust provides funding for research and practice development as well as specialist training, and information and support for continuing professional learning.
5. Our work is focused on **Early Childhood Education and Care** for children from birth to eight years of age – a broad and often multi-disciplinary field of study to inform, support, critique and advance Froebelian approaches to education pedagogy and practice as well as further research.
6. Our grants for research include: Practice Development Grants (PDGs) aimed at enabling UK-based settings / schools to develop an aspect of practice underpinned by Froebelian principles. You can read reports from previously funded projects on our website - www.froebel.org.uk/practitioner-support-grants/

7. **We can only support projects that are clearly linked to our charitable objects**, which are:
To promote for the public benefit the advancement and understanding of Froebelian principles of education in learning within the UK and internationally.
8. Applicants will hear on Monday 19 September if they have been selected for the awards. The successful applicants must be in a position to commence their projects before March 2023.

WHO CAN APPLY?

9. The PDGs are available to early years settings including schools in the UK interested in further developing an aspect of Froebelian practice. The grants cover work with children and their families and communities. **Priority will be given to applicants who have not received a grant in previous years.** To be eligible to apply, settings must have a member of the management team, plus at least one other practitioner / teacher, who has completed a [Froebel course](#) at University of Edinburgh or the University of Roehampton; or at least five elements of the [Froebel short course](#) delivered by Travelling Froebel Tutors.
10. Settings / schools can apply for a grant of between £3,000 - £5,000. The grant is intended to cover training costs, supply cover implications and with a proportion of no more than 20% for resources and must start no later than 31st of March 2023. Please note that payments cannot be made to individuals; a Practitioner Support Grant must be ring-fenced; and applicants will be required to submit an original bank statement and financial records before an award can be confirmed.
11. Settings / schools must be registered and inspected by the relevant, official body in Scotland, England, Wales or Northern Ireland.
12. In deciding whether to support travel to events, the Trust will give serious consideration to the benefits to the project versus the environmental impact.

HOW TO APPLY

13. Please complete the online application form on our website detailing:
 - Your Froebelian focus
 - Evidence of your team's Froebelian qualifications
 - Your project outline
 - Your plans for evaluating the project¹
 - Your plans for dissemination
 - A budget break down
 - A one page biography telling us about your team

¹ The Froebel Trust will begin an organisation-wide evaluation in 2020, looking at the benefits of its grant-making and support activities. If you receive a Practitioner Support Grant, in addition to the Trust's standard grant reporting requirements, you may be asked to complete a questionnaire or take part in an interview as part of the evaluation's data collection activities.

14. The project should be completed within 12 months, and a copy of the final report must be sent to the Trust within three months of the project's completion. A fully reconciled final financial account showing the expenditure for the project will also be required.
15. Make sure you have the support of the head of your setting before preparing and submitting an application. Please consider the setting's sustainability policy and the environmental impact of your proposed project.
16. The Froebel Trust must be acknowledged on any material or publicity that is produced for external presentation or publication in association with / resulting from a Practitioner Support Grant.
17. Applications should be completed via our online portal, which allows applicants to save and return to partially completed forms.

We offer a two complimentary application workshops via zoom to answer any questions about the application process, these will be held on **Wednesday 6th July and Monday 8th August 1-2pm**, please note this will be a zoom meeting and all potential applicants will be visible to one another. **Please register for the webinars by emailing office@froebeltrust.org.uk specifying the date you would like to book.**

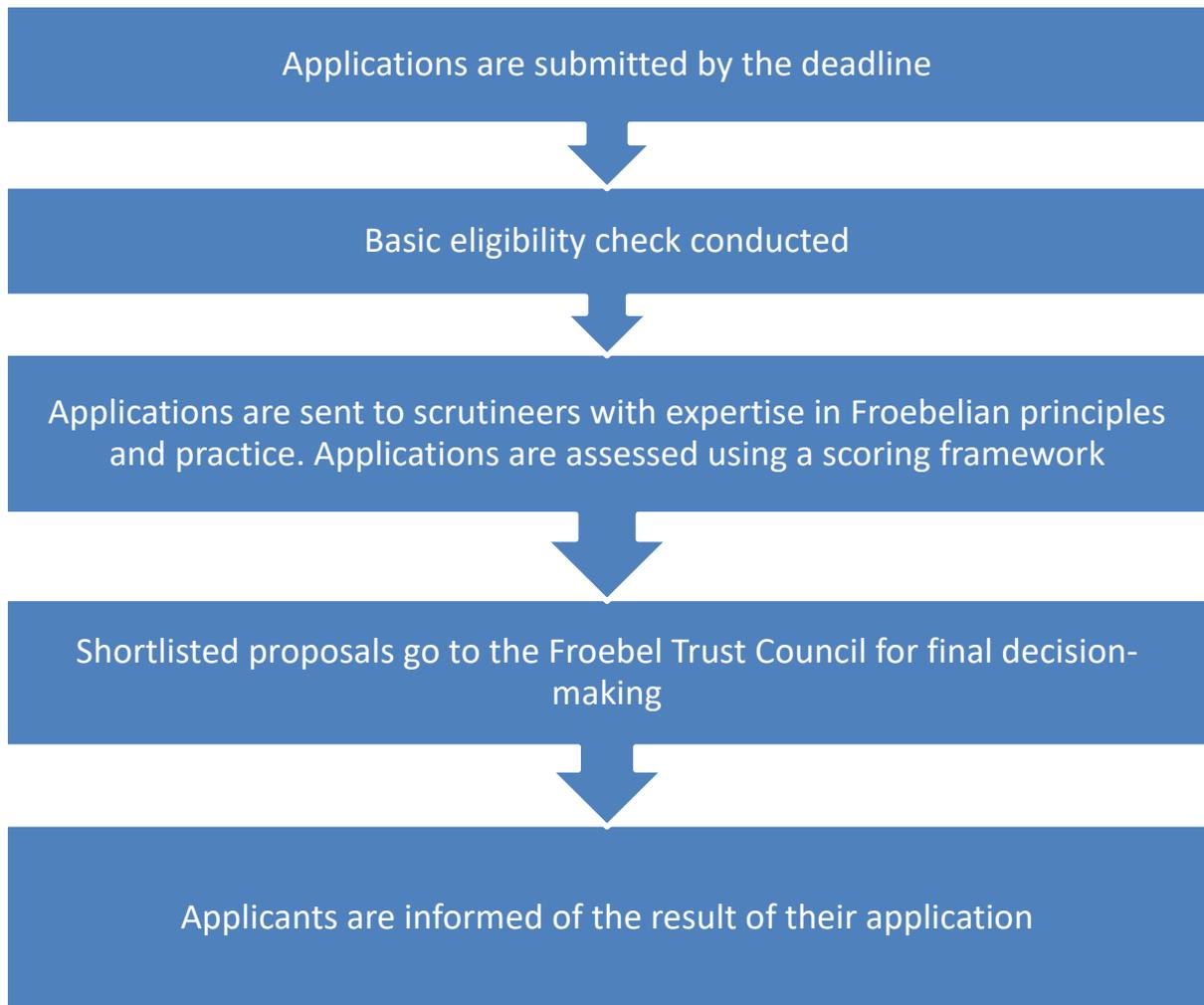
Completed online applications should be submitted via the portal by **4pm on Wednesday 31 August 2022**. Late applications will not be considered.

If you experience any problems with the online application portal or have any questions about eligibility, please email valeria@froebeltrust.org.uk

18. The online application also includes information and asks for consent about:
 - Data protection
 - Permission to process data
 - Optional equalities monitoring
19. All eligible applications will be considered via our grant scrutiny and selection process. Applications that do not meet our basic eligibility criteria will be rejected. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.
20. The decision of the Froebel Trust will be final. Every effort has been made to develop a thorough and informed assessment process. The Trust reserves the right not to enter into any correspondence about the assessment process and/or any subsequent monitoring procedures.

Assessment process

15. The diagram below illustrates the application assessment process:



Outcome

By **Monday 19 September 2022**, all applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by email. Please bear this date in mind when adding email addresses to the application form.