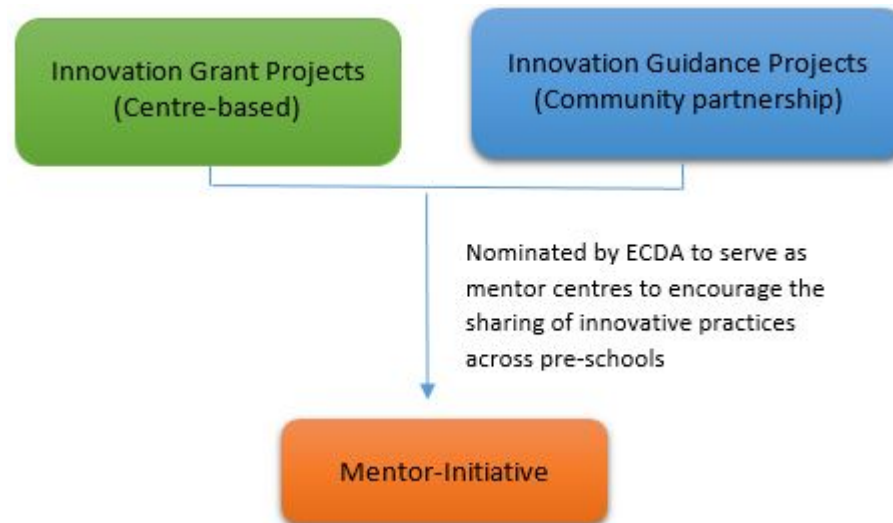


ECDA Innovation Projects Grant

The ECDA Innovation Projects are initiated to improve the quality of pre-school programmes and teaching-learning practices and foster a culture of innovation and reflective practices.

There are 3 initiatives under the Innovation Projects:



Through the initiatives, pre-schools could explore less conventional ideas and approaches to:

- Enhance learning experiences for children
- Promote community engagement and home-centre partnerships
- Improve or modify existing innovations beyond the first year of project implementation

Training is provided for participating pre-schools in Innovation Guidance Projects to support teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge to carry out innovative activities with the children.

For Innovation Grant Projects (Centre-based), pre-schools may propose to send their staff for training that is related to their projects.

Funding support from ECDA is available for successful applicants. The maximum approved Grant amount for ECDA Innovation Projects is \$4,000. All pre-schools that accept the Innovation Grant must agree to co-pay 5% of the total approved expenditure. Centre leaders must also fully support their teachers throughout project implementation.

Upon completion of the project, participating centres will submit the following **Project Deliverables**:

1. Final report using the guidelines provided
2. Final expenditure form with supporting documents
(e.g. original/certified true copies of receipts, payment vouchers)

Selected participating pre-schools may be invited to **share** their innovations, learning points and project evaluation with other pre-schools at sessions organised by ECDA (e.g. Professional Learning platforms, ECDA Early Childhood Conference).

Innovation Projects Application: All ECDA-registered pre-schools can apply for Innovation Projects. Child care centres must have at least a 12-month licence issued by ECDA. Priority may be given to pre-schools that have not applied for or received grant from any of the 3 initiatives.

For Innovation Grant Projects (Centre-based), selection will be based on the quality of the application. Between two proposals of similar quality, priority will be given to the one who has not received the Grant in the last 2 years.

The yearly **application period** and details of the Innovation Projects are as follows:

Innovation Grant Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- June to September 2017- Pre-schools can apply by submitting quality project proposals for evaluation- Applications for Innovation Grant 2017 have closed- Keep a lookout for our notification for the next round of applications
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Innovation Guidance Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- October 2017 to January 2018- Pre-schools can apply by submitting the completed application form for evaluation- Applications for Innovation Guidance Project 2017 have closed- Keep a lookout for our notification for the next round of applications
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For more details, please refer to ECDA Innovation Projects Grant website: <https://www.ecda.gov.sg/Educators/Pages/ECDA-Innovation-Projects-Grant.aspx>

For enquiries, please email: innovation_grant@ecda.gov.sg

ECDA Practitioner Inquiry (PI) Grant

The ECDA Practitioner Inquiry (PI) Grant is a professional development initiative that seeks to engage practitioners in conducting inquiry. Necessary training and an inquiry framework are available to guide practitioners in reflecting, conceptualizing, implementing and evaluating actions plans for issues they have identified in their classroom teaching-learning practices.

Training is available to support practitioners with the necessary knowledge and skills in carrying out an inquiry in the classroom. Prior to applying for the PI Grant, practitioners will have to ensure that they have attended **either the PI Grant Sharing by ECDA or Practitioner Inquiry in Early Childhood Education (PIECE) workshop** or other similar workshops related to PI (e.g. **Action Research in the Early Childhood Classroom workshop**).

Interested practitioners can register for the PI Grant Sharing by ECDA or PIECE workshop through ONE@ECDA.

Funding support from ECDA will be provided for successful applicants of the PI Grant. The maximum approved Grant amount for PI project is **\$1,000**. All pre-schools that accept the PI Grant must agree to co-pay 10% of the total approved expenditure.

At the end of the PI project, practitioners will submit the following **Project Deliverables**:

1. A 2-3 page final report, which includes 1 page of personal reflection
2. Any other forms of documentation (e.g. video clips, photos, lesson plans, etc),
3. A final expenditure form with supporting documents (e.g. original/ certified true copies of receipts, payment vouchers, etc).

We encourage practitioners to share with other educators, the inquiry process as well as action plans and strategies that have worked well for them. We may also invite practitioners to share their PI projects at ECDA-organised platforms (e.g. Professional Learning Communities, ECDA EC Conference, etc).

PI Grant Application: All ECDA-certified educarers, teachers or centre leaders who are currently employed in ECDA-registered pre-schools can apply for the PI Grant.

There are 2 PI Grant cycles in 2017 and the respective application periods are as follows:

Cycle	Application Period
1	2 February to 24 March 2017
2	13 April to 2 June 2017

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For more information on PI Grant, please contact ECRF@ecda.gov.sg.



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (TEACHERS)
CENTRE-INITIATED PROJECT
SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSAL**

(Please email completed type-written forms to ecda_pp@ecda.gov.sg)

Name of PDP (T) Participant: _____ NRIC: _____

Please note the following:

The project should be completed within 4 months of project approval and the final deliverables should be submitted within 2 weeks of project completion.

Submission of the centre-initiated project details should be done by the PDP participant, with support from the centre leader/supervisor.

Sections 1 to 3 are to be completed at the project proposal planning phase before project implementation.

Section 4 is to be submitted on completion of the Project.

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1. Particulars of Child care centre/Kindergarten	
Name of Child Care Centre/Kindergarten:	
Mailing Address:	Tel No (Office):
Email:	
Name of Principal (KN) / Centre Supervisor (CCC):	
2. Project Team	
<i>Please be specific in stating the roles and duties of each member of the Project Team.</i>	
Name of Project Leader/Designation and duties in the project:	
Name of Team Member(s)/Designation(s) and duties in the project:	
<i>*PDP(T) candidate should take on the role of Project Leader or Assistant Project Leader</i>	
3. Project Details	

<i>All fields must be adequately completed.</i>	
<i>a) Project Title:</i>	
<i>b) Project Start Date:</i>	<i>Project End Date:</i>
<i>c) Project Category (select one):</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Developing the Child Holistically <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborating with Families & Community <input type="checkbox"/> Building Professional Capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Building Organisational Capacity	
<i>d) Objectives/Project Outcomes:</i> <i>What do you expect to achieve from this project?</i>	

e) Project Summary:

Please provide a brief summary of your project proposal i.e. brief background of the context or action research question leading to the development of the project idea, a short description of your project idea and content, the stakeholders involved, the potential benefits to stakeholders and your key implementation and evaluation plans.

4. Reflection Journal

(Section 4 of proposal form to be submitted on completion of the Project)

Reflection Write-up (300 - 500 words) should be type-written and submitted to ecda_pp@ecda.gov.sg within 2 weeks of project completion.

Some guiding questions for Reflection:

- What are the project outcomes that you have achieved?
 - How did you measure the success of the Project?
- What were some of the successes and challenges experienced during the implementation of the Project?
 - How did you overcome these challenges?
 - How did your project benefit the stakeholders?
- What are your plans to maintain and extend your learning / project ideas?

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Submitted by:

Signature of PDP Participant and date

With support from:

Name of Principal/Supervisor and date
