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ACSES Quasi-Experimental Design Program
Information Session

Webinar and Q&A | 25 June 2025 | 9:00am AWST | 11:00am AEST

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We acknowledge Indigenous peoples across Australia as the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the nation's campuses are situated. With a history spanning more than 60,000 years as the original educators, Indigenous peoples hold a unique place in our nation. We recognise the importance of their knowledge and culture, and reflect the principles of participation, equity, and cultural respect in our work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future, and consider it an honour to learn from our Indigenous colleagues, partners, and friends.

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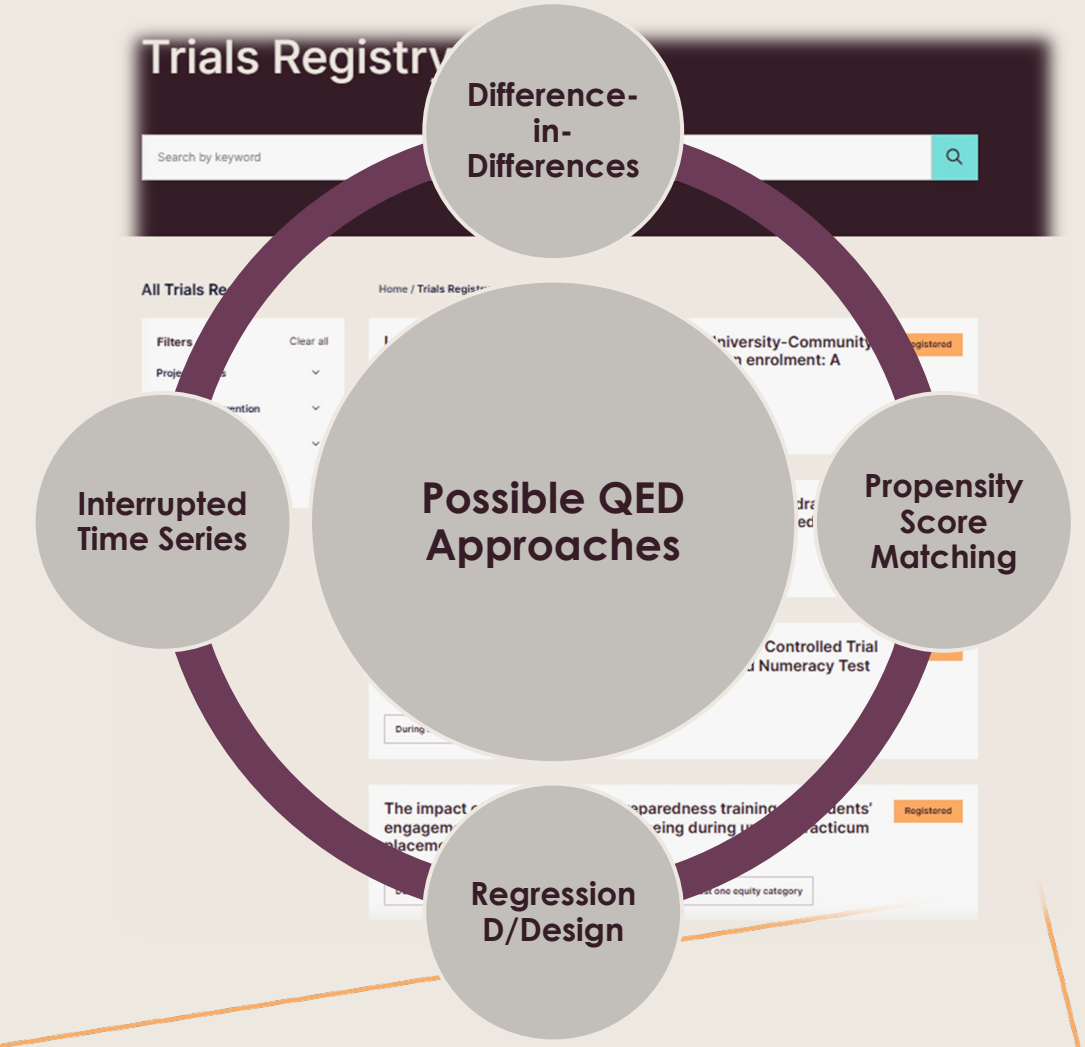
Overview

1	What is a Quasi-Experimental Design (QED)?
2	Eligibility
3	Priority groups & target outcomes
4	Funding available
5	How to apply
	Q&A

1. What is a QED?

- ACSES has funded several **randomised control trials.** These are available on the ACSES Trials Registry.
- But random allocation is not always possible or practical.
- **QED** allow us to use existing datasets to understand the impact of an initiative.



2. Eligibility

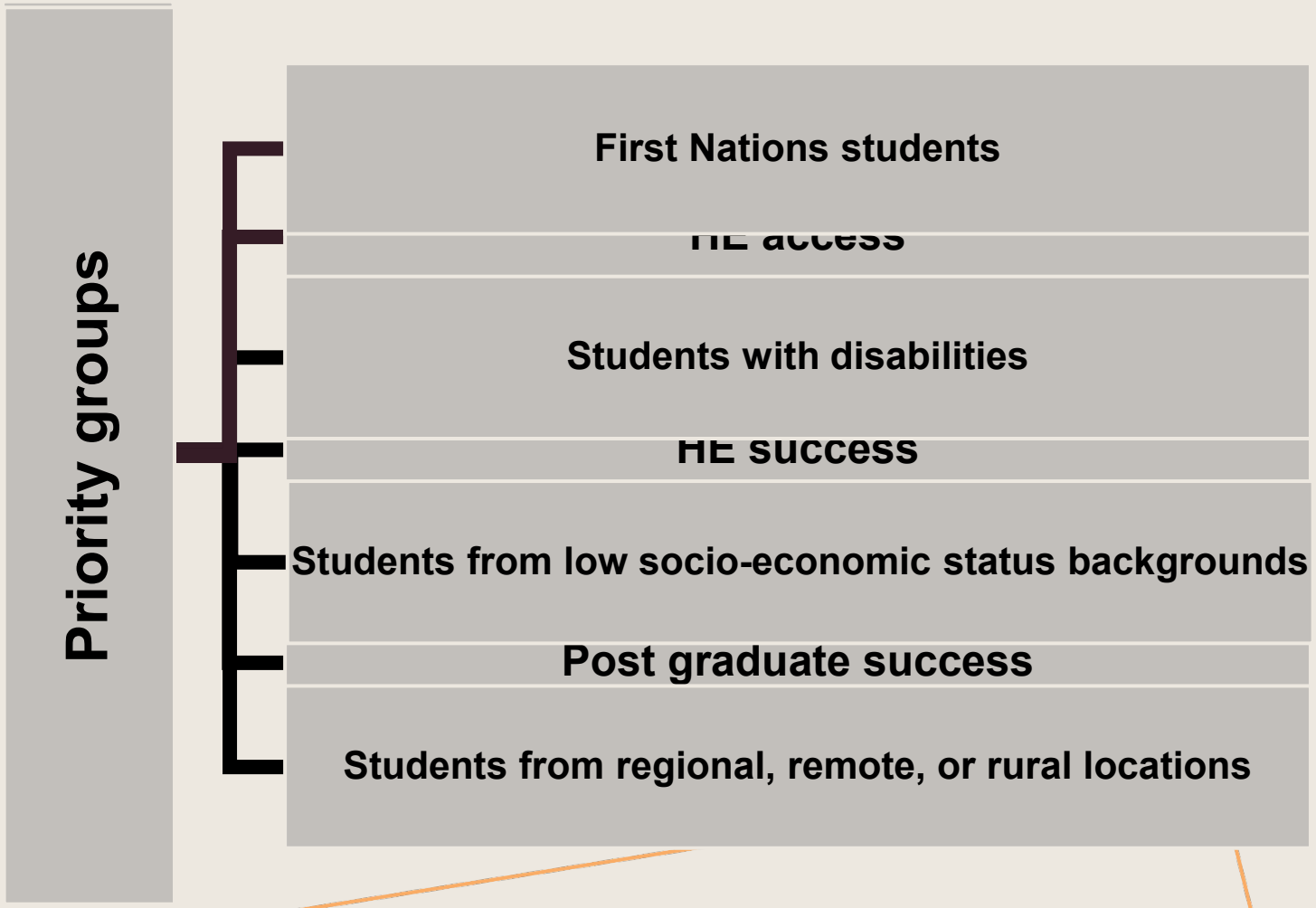
- The project must be led by a Table A institution.
- Other institutions or organisations may be included as collaborators.
- Applicants can be listed on more than one proposal.
  - NOTE: Funding for more than one project will only occur in exceptional circumstances.

3. Priority groups & target outcomes

The project should:

a. Focus on at least one of the following priority groups.

b. Measure one or more of the following higher education outcomes



4. Funding available

Maximum funding available per project is $150,000.

Eligible expenditure items

- ☑ Personnel costs
- ☑ Data
- ☑ Quality assurance costs

Ineligible expenditure items

- ☒ Overhead costs
- ☒ Attendances at conferences

5. How to apply

A **QED Proposal Template** is available on the ACSES website for download and completion.

Three stage application process is as follows:

STAGE 1 ACSES staff review the Proposals

STAGE 2 *Equity Frontiers Grants Committee* assessment

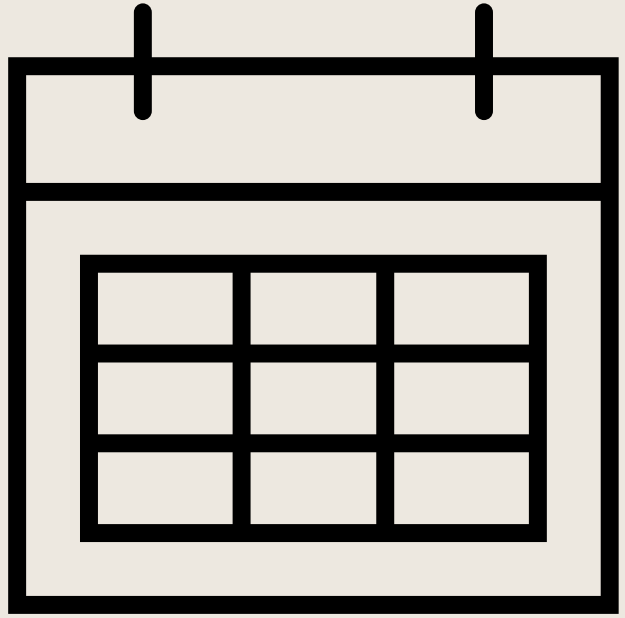
STAGE 3 Final determination

5. How to apply

Applicants should respond to each of the four areas in the **selection criteria.**

6. Timeframes

Applications close	31 July 2025
Funding announcement	By 29 August 2025
Projects commence	By 3 November 2025
Projects conclude	By 26 June 2027



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