

Trisno Family Research Grant in Old Age Psychiatry

Terms of Reference



Description

The Trisno Family Research Grant in Old Age Psychiatry is funded by an ongoing donation from Mr Roth Trisno and family, which aims to support research in the field of old age psychiatry.

The RANZCP encourages research as an important activity and is keen to support research projects specific to Old Age Psychiatry. The Trisno family is equally supportive and via its donation, hopes to address the need for more research to optimise the prevention, diagnosis, management and continuing care strategies for older populations.

This grant is managed by the RANZCP Committee for Research. The intention of the grant is to assist research conducted by Fellows and psychiatry trainees who are undertaking or considering undertaking further training in old age psychiatry. The grant aims to grow the subspecialty workforce in this area through targeted funding each year specifically in the field of old age psychiatry.

Eligibility Criteria

Grants are available to trainees and Fellows who plan to conduct old age psychiatry research. Applications are open to basic trainees in their final year of basic training and to trainees completing the Certificate of Advanced Training in the Psychiatry of Old Age.

Fellows who are completing or who are considering completing the Certificate of Advanced Training are also eligible to apply.

Form of Award

The Grant comprises provision of funding (in line with the research project budget) for the proposed research, to a maximum of AUD\$5,000 paid upfront to support new research. The amount may be used to fully fund small scale projects (including scholarly projects to meet Fellowship or advanced training requirements), or as a source of 'top up' funding to add to existing studies which researchers may currently be undertaking with other, larger grants.

A maximum of two grants can be made in one year. If there are no suitable applicants in any given year, the Selection Panel may decide not to award the grant.

Previous recipients of the grant will not be eligible to receive it on a further occasion.

Frequency

The grant will be administered yearly with a maximum of two grants made in any given year.

Application process

The grant is presented on the basis of a research protocol submitted by applicants. Work performed partly in Australia/New Zealand and partly elsewhere is acceptable.

Applications must be made on a prescribed form (available on the RANZCP web site), and must outline (among other things) the background, research plan, ethical issues, and budget.

Applications for the grant should be made by applicants on their own behalf.

In order to be considered for the grant, the research project needs to conform to the following criteria:

- The application should document a plan for data analysis and proposal for dissemination of results
- The applicant must be willing to complete a progress report and final report to the CFR
- The applicant must be willing to have their name published in all RANZCP publications
- Evidence of approval from a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) or that an approval request has been submitted (funds will not be released to successful applicants awaiting ethics approval until confirmed to RANZCP).
- The trainee/researcher is expected to collect the data actively and personally as well as entering data, the CFR believes that this is part of research training and should be carried out by the trainee/researchers themselves
- Whilst the CFR accepts that statistical advice needs to be obtained and paid for, this does not include the actual collection and preparation of the data up to the stage of analysis
- The budget should be comprehensive and detail all proposed spending
- Funding can be utilised to support patient travel and small incentives for involvement
- Successful applicants must acknowledge the funding source in publication and presentation
- Successful applicants are required to submit the HREC annual research and final report to the CFR.

The following will NOT be considered for the Grant:

- The CFR will not consider funding for the preparation (i.e. publishing, printing or binding) of dissertation/thesis in satisfaction of requirement of achieving Fellowship of the College ○ This is an expense which is part of preparation for Fellowship and should not be part of the budget for Grant-in-Aid
- Funds for research assistants or employment of persons for data entry purposes
- Funding for the preparation of the data up to the stage of analysis, including the supply of computer equipment.

Application deadline

The application deadline will be set each year as advertised.

Selection process

In making a recommendation, the Selection Panel will consider the application forms submitted and take into account whether the applicant is currently studying or intending to complete further study in the area of old age psychiatry.

Selection Panel Composition

The Selection Panel shall consist of the Chair of the Committee for Research, one other member of the Committee for Research, and a Chair or relevant representative of the Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age.