

RANZCP New Investigator Grant

Application Guidelines



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Description

The RANZCP encourages research as an important activity for psychiatric training and believes that knowledge of research theory and methods is essential for the practice of clinical psychiatry. The New Investigator Grants program provides a number of small grants on a competitive basis to trainees or Fellows to facilitate research projects.

Eligibility

- RANZCP trainees
- RANZCP Fellows in first two years of Fellowship
- The Award is made on the basis of a research protocol submitted by applicants. Work performed partly in Australia or New Zealand and partly elsewhere is acceptable
- The Award may be made to one person or shared by a team
- Previous recipients of the Award will not be eligible
- Applicants must not have received more than A\$10,000 previous research funding.

Form of Award

- Amounts payable are A\$500 - \$6000, however if your research exceeds the maximum amount, applications will still be accepted, with the RANZCP Committee for Research (CFR) deciding the amount to be granted to the project. The total amount of the New Investigator Grant is A\$20,000.

Frequency

- A program of new grant awards occurs every year.

Criteria

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

- The application should document an analysis tool and outline a clear plan for dissemination of project research findings
- 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 applicant is expected to demonstrate how they will be actively involved in the research process, which can include collecting data, applying for data access, analysing data, chart reviews and development of analysis plan
- Whilst the CFR accepts that statistical advice needs to be obtained and paid for, this does not include the data collection and cleaning of data up to the stage of analysis
- The applicant may use the funding for professional transcription services but this funding cannot be used for research assistants
- The budget should be comprehensive and detail all proposed spending within the NIG Budget

- Funding can be utilised to support consumer and carer travel expenses as well as small honorarium for their involvement as 'participants' in the research, where applicable; or honorarium for their time as members of the project research team (eg. involved in co-facilitating stakeholder focus groups, involved in data collection and/or analysis, etc).
- 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.
- If the applicant was an Associate Investigator on a funded grant, they must fully explain their role in the previous grant in order to be considered
- The applicant can apply if they have previously received a PHD scholarship grant but only if the grant was for funding their salary

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.
- Funding will not be granted to applicants who have previously been Chief Investigators on other funded grants
- Funding will not be granted for an applicant if they previously received a PHD scholarship grant to fund research
- Funding the applicants salary will not be included
- Funding will not be granted for the support of a research assistant

Please note:

An additional amount may be made available subsequent to the completion of the trainee/researcher's research project. This is to encourage presentation of the results at a scientific meeting, either the annual RANZCP Congress or the annual meeting of the Society for Mental Health Research. A grant of up to A\$1000 will be available on a competitive basis to assist with conference registration and travel expenses. The trainee/researcher will be required to provide a copy of their submitted abstract for the relevant meeting.

Application Process

Applications for the Award should be made by researchers on their own behalf.

Applications must be type-written on the prescribed form and sent electronically to research@ranzcp.org. Please keep applications to a maximum of 10 pages.

Selection Process

The CFR will review all applications at a face-to-face meeting. The CFR will then provide feedback on your application after the meeting as to whether your project is successful or not. The CFR hopes that this will become part of the educational process in research to assist trainee psychiatrists in working with research and also to provide feedback to your supervisors in helping you with your projects.

New Investigator Grants are highly competitive. Those applicants who are not successful in one round should not be discouraged but should discuss the project further with their supervisor and other senior colleagues and resubmit their application in a subsequent year.

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