



Guidelines

RANZCR Research Grants – Clinical Radiology

The College Terms and Conditions must be read in conjunction with these Guidelines.

PURPOSE

The principal aim of the RANZCR Research Grants is to provide funding for innovative projects that have the potential to lead to the discovery of new ideas and to the advancement of knowledge. The grants are primarily directed towards facilitating the career advancement of investigators who may not have previously received external funding.

The RANZCR Research Grants will support funding for direct research costs and/or will be used for salary support in respect of essential research skills for the project. The RANZCR Research Grants will support funding for Research Assistants, medical students (whose skills are required for the research project) and statistical advisors. If funding is required for imaging, the grant will only support up to 50% of MBS-rate imaging costs, where applicable.

The RANZCR Research Grants will not fund:

- Transport / travel
- Food
- Conference costs
- Salary support for the principal/other investigators' time
- Resources that would be routinely funded by the Institution including software/hardware
- Projects with existing funding, where the application is to provide contingency funding in the event that existing funding is discontinued.

THE GRANT

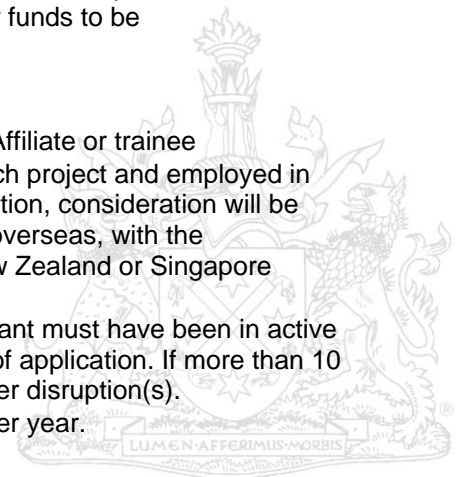
- Grants are available between \$5,000 and \$30,000
- The College may, at its' discretion, provide partial funding for a research project
- Funds will be paid directly to the University or Hospital fund nominated by the candidate. Payment can be made only into such a fund and not to an individual.

DURATION OF GRANT

Candidates are required to submit a timeline, milestones and proposed budget for the research project. Research projects will be considered for funding over the first two years if applied for and may be awarded for a one or two year period as determined by the assessment panel. If a grant is awarded over two years, the applicant(s) will be required to submit a progress report during the first year in order for the second year funds to be released.

ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must be a Clinical Radiology Fellow, Educational Affiliate or trainee
- The applicant must be principal investigator of an eligible research project and employed in Australia, New Zealand or Singapore. However, by way of exception, consideration will be given for researchers to carry out work at centres of excellence overseas, with the expectation that the Fellow will return to work in Australia, New Zealand or Singapore within five years of the grant being awarded
- As the grants aim to support early career researchers, the applicant must have been in active practice post-RANZCR for less than ten (10) years at the time of application. If more than 10 years post-RANZCR, applicants must provide evidence of career disruption(s).
- A maximum of one application per applicant may be submitted per year.



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria are used in judging the application:

1. Intrinsic scientific merit and innovation
2. Clarity of aims and objectives
3. Soundness of hypothesis
4. Appropriateness of study method and design
5. Feasibility and measurable outcomes
6. Relevance of study to clinical radiology
7. Track record of the investigator relative to opportunity
8. Track records of co-investigators
9. Evidence of being enrolled in, or intention to submit for a higher degree

Other consideration in assessing the proposals will include:

- Potential of the study to benefit patients or advance scientific understanding
- Potential for collaboration with other researchers or institutions
- Potential for the research project to address the objectives of the RANZCR Research Strategy including, but not limited to, the project promoting support and incentives for early and mid-career researchers
- Letter from the Director of the applicant's institution with supporting the application
- Declaration of the source, duration and level of funding already available to the candidate.

TYPES OF RESEARCH STUDIES ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT

All projects must be directly related to clinical radiology research and lead to publication in peer reviewed journals in the respective disciplines.

Projects may comprise any or a combination of the following:

1. Clinical Research
2. Translational Research
3. Basic Science
4. Health Economics
5. Educational Research
6. Health Services Research

PROTECTED RESEARCH TIME

It is desirable that the applicant will have protected time for research. It is recognised that the applicant will have clinical duties. Under these circumstances, it is desirable that protected time for research activities is negotiated with, and supported in writing by, the Head of Department of the institutions(s) the applicant is affiliated with. Trainee applicants are also required to have a research supervisor.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants are required to submit a detailed research proposal by completing an application form from the website.

Applicants must ensure that all the application fields are completed, paying particular attention to:

- The background to the project
- Outlining any hypotheses to be tested and methodology
- Statistical issues
- Ethical issues
- Relevant literature
- Relevant publications from the last five years
- For Trainees, a mentor or supervisor is recommended to endorse the application. Their details must be included in Section 2d of the application form.

The application form is available from the [College website](#).

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT AND ENDORSEMENT

Application review panels will be established by the Faculty of Clinical Radiology Research Committee to assess and grade the applications. Expert outside reviewers with relevant specialist knowledge including statisticians and consumers may be asked to contribute to the process. Members of the panels will be required to declare any conflict of interest that they may have. High ranking applications will be recommended to the Faculty of Clinical Radiology Council for endorsement.

NOTIFICATION

Once successful recipients have been endorsed by the Faculty Council, the College will formally notify the successful recipients by email. Ordinarily this notification will take place by the end of October each year. Names of the recipients will be added to the Awards and Honours Roll, which is published on the College website.

Please note awards and grants are subject to change on an annual basis.