

THE ARC HARRY WINDSOR RESEARCH GRANTS SCHEME

Information Sheet and Grant Conditions for 2009

Australian Respiratory Council is seeking to award several one-year research grants of approximately \$50,000 each in 2009.

These grants are named in honour of the late Dr Harry Windsor, a leading Australian heart surgeon who played a key role in ARC for many years. Dr Windsor performed the first heart transplant operation in Australia and was a prominent cardiothoracic surgeon at Sydney's St Vincent's Hospital. He was actively involved with ARC and its Board from 1955 until his death in 1987.

PURPOSE

Grants will be for projects which address research in tuberculosis, respiratory diseases due to other infections, or respiratory diseases related to tobacco use. Within these categories, projects examining community issues or the health of disadvantaged groups are particularly encouraged. The proposals can relate to clinical research, public health research or basic scientific research.

ELIGIBILITY

ARC Harry Windsor Research Grants will be made for projects which were submitted to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) in 2008 and which have been assessed as fundable by the NHMRC but have missed the cut-off mark for funding in 2009. They are awarded in open competition on the basis of merit following detailed assessment by ARC's Research Committee.

TENURE

ARC Harry Windsor Research Grants are tenable for one year and open to researchers across Australia. Projects funded under this scheme must be conducted during the year of the award. Grants are tenable in any Australian State or Territory and will be awarded to institutions with appropriate research facilities.

APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Initial application

In order to apply for a grant, the Chief Investigator of a project is only required to send the Application ID Number and the Original Title of their grant application submitted to NHMRC in 2008 to research@thearc.org.au.

This information will be treated confidentially. The Research Committee will examine all applications received by the due date and develop a shortlist for detailed examination.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE INITIAL APPLICATION IS
WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2008.**

SHORTLISTED APPLICATIONS

If the application is shortlisted by ARC, the applicant will be notified and requested to complete a form that provides the following:

- Details of the Chief Investigator
- A revised title for the project that can be used by ARC to distinguish it from the NHMRC project.
- A synopsis of no more than two pages that will be expected to describe only one of the projects requested in the NHMRC application. The synopsis should follow the lines of the project synopsis of the NHMRC application and cover only the project for which funding is sought. It should include the specific aim of the project, background information, a research plan, including detailed budget, and expected outcomes and significance of the project.
- The details of the person(s) carrying out the research.
- On a separate page, a paragraph describing the project that can be easily understood by the lay public.
- Certification of the willingness of the applicants for ARC to raise funds in the name of the project and/or presentation of the project findings by the researcher.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR THIS INFORMATION IS
FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2008.**

The Research Committee will examine this information and then make a final selection based on perceived merit and the project's reflection of the purpose of these grants.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

A decision on successful applications for ARC Harry Windsor Research Grants will be made in December of each year. Applicants will be advised as soon as possible thereafter.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

If selected, project funding will become available from January 2009.

Grants are to be administered by the institution where the project will be undertaken.

Successful applicants will be required to actively assist in the promotion of their project with ARC. It is also expected that the research results of all projects will be made available through scientific publication. This is the responsibility of grant recipients. Publication should acknowledge that the work was undertaken while in receipt of an ARC Harry Windsor Research Grant.

It is the responsibility of grant applicants to ensure that all ethical matters relating to their project are dealt with appropriately within their institution.

At the conclusion of the project all unexpended funds are to be returned to ARC.

SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

A mid-point progress report on the outcomes of the project to that point is to be submitted to ARC by the Chief Investigator in June 2009. A final report on the outcomes of the project is to be submitted on completion and no later than 31 January 2010.

An annual and final statement of expenditure charged against the research grant as at 31 December 2009, is to be submitted to ARC at the same time.

TERMINATION

A research grant may be terminated by the ARC Board of Directors if the recipient institution and/or the researcher fails to observe the grant conditions or if the ARC Research Committee is dissatisfied with the progress of the project.

Grant amount: Approximately \$50,000 for each project but the exact amount will be based on the budget approved for each project.

DISCLAIMER

ARC will exercise its absolute discretion in the award of these grants and reserves the right not to make any award in any one year.

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