



The Australian Respiratory Council's Research Funding Guidelines 2020/2021

The Australian Respiratory Council (ARC) is a Charitable, Non-Government Organisation supporting prevention, treatment and research into tuberculosis (TB) and respiratory disease at a national and international level.

The ARC has been committed to building expertise and sustainable capacity in respiratory health by fostering innovative research to promote respiratory health. ARC's contribution to the discovery of new knowledge and enhanced scientific understanding in the field of respiratory health is through Research Grants.

The funding provided in the past through the ARC's grants and Fellowship Program has made a significant impact on the research landscape in Australia. Through the allocation of seed funding it is ARC's intention that there is a return on investment to create additional funding for research in respiratory health.

The allocation of research funding is determined each year by ARC's Board of Directors. The Directors are supported by ARC's Research Committee who operate under the following terms of reference:

Terms of Reference of ARC's Research Committee

The ARC Research Committee provide advice and recommendations to the Board on:

- Policy matters relating to research activities including strategic areas and priorities for research funding, joint funding opportunities with other organisations, the mix and number of research grants, the mix of national and international research activities
- The applicants for research grants under the ARC Research Support Grants Scheme
- Advice on appropriate matters referred to the committee by the Board or other Board committees.

ARC Research Committee Members

Professor Greg Fox (Chair of the Committee)
Professor Carol Armour
Associate Professor Justin Denholm
Professor Peter Gibson
Professor Emma McBryde
Clinical Professor Iven Young
David Macintosh AM (ex- officio as President of ARC)

A quorum exists where there are at least three members of the Committee available to meet and/or review grant applications.

In the event that a Research Committee member were to apply for an ARC Research Support Grant, and/or be involved in the research proposal/research team then the Committee member is required to abstain from the discussion and review of the application.

Research Committee members are not prohibited from applying for research or fellowship funding provided by ARC.

Funding recipients are 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. Publications and presentations should acknowledge that the work was undertaken while in receipt of funding from ARC.

Detailed information on grant conditions are made available to applicants. These conditions include funding tenure and administration, project and financial reporting requirements and notification of additional funding.

ARC Research Support Grants

In 2021, funding will be awarded for researchers and scholars undertaking research activities in basic science, clinical research and public health relating to (i) infectious lung disease from TB or other infections such as COVID-19, and (ii) chronic respiratory diseases related to environmental factors such as tobacco or bushfire smoke exposure.

Projects that address ARC's areas of interest and community issues or the health of disadvantaged groups that relate to the work that the ARC undertakes within Australia and the Indo Pacific Region are particularly encouraged.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) of Australia assist ARC in ranking applicants. The ARC Research Support Grants are allocated for projects that were submitted to the NHMRC in a given year that were assessed as fundable by the NHMRC but have missed the cut-off for funding for the year.

Research funding is awarded in open competition on the basis of merit following assessment by ARC's Research Committee.