

The ARC RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANT SCHEME Information Sheet and Grant Conditions for 2021

The Australian Respiratory Council (ARC) is seeking to award research grants of approximately \$20,000 per grant in 2021.

PURPOSE

Grants will be for projects that address basic science, clinical research, and public health in infectious lung disease from tuberculosis or other infections such as COVID-19, or chronic respiratory diseases related to environmental factors such as tobacco or bushfire smoke exposure.

Projects examining 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.

Further information about the project work undertaken by the ARC can be found on the website: <http://www.thearc.org.au>

ELIGIBILITY

The ARC Research Support Grants will be allocated for projects that were submitted to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) under the Ideas Grants Scheme in 2020 that were assessed as fundable by the NHMRC but have missed the cut-off for funding in 2020.

Initial applications can be submitted to ARC prior to completion of funding offers from the NHMRC.

The ARC Research Support Grants are awarded in open competition on the basis of merit following detailed assessment by ARC's Research Committee.

TENURE

The ARC Research Support 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 the project is required to send the Application ID Number and the Original Title of their grant application submitted to NHMRC in 2020 to research@thearc.org.au.

As part of the initial grant application process, applicants must provide, in writing, consent for the NHMRC to share application information, including the outcome of peer review, with ARC for the purposes of ARC's assessment of the research grants. Information provided will be treated confidentially.

The ARC Research Committee will examine all applications received by the due date and develop a shortlist of projects for detailed examination.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR INITIAL APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 2021.

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 the project from the NHMRC application

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- A synopsis of no more than two pages describing the project as per 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, detailed budget, and expected outcomes and significance of the project
- The details of the person(s) carrying out the research
- The application must include 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 ARC 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

A decision on successful applications for ARC Research Support Grants will be made in February, 2021. Applicants will be advised as soon as possible thereafter.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

If selected, project funding will become available from March, 2021.

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.

Publications and presentations should acknowledge that the work was undertaken while in receipt of an ARC Research Support 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. Ethics approval (where required for the project) needs to be obtained before funding under this grant is awarded.

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 August 2021.

A final narrative report on the outcomes of the project and the final expenditure charged against the grant is to be submitted on completion and no later than the 1st March, 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

The Chief Investigator will provide ARC with a copy of all publications emanating from the funded research project.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Where additional funding is obtained for research projects initiated under the ARC Research Support Grant Scheme, ARC requires notification of the funding and funding body.

TERMINATION

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

Grant amount: Approximately \$20,000 for each project, the exact amount will be based on the budget approved for each project.

DISCLAIMER

The 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact ARC's Executive Director, Amanda Christensen by email: amandachristensen@thearc.org.au

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