

PHARMACY RESEARCH TRUST OF NSW

Information and Call for Applications

Applications are now being sought for grants through the Pharmacy Research Trust of NSW for 2012. The principle object of the Trust is to promote, foster, develop and assist in all possible ways the furtherance of research and post graduate education and study in all branches of pharmacy provided the research, post graduate education and study is related to research into the causes, prevention or cure of disease in human beings, animals or plants. Additional information is included in the application form which can be downloaded from the PSA website (www.psa.org.au).

The Pharmacy Research Trust of NSW is a not for profit organisation with approved charity status from the Australian Tax Office. All funds raised by the Pharmacy Research Trust of NSW are sourced through donations and bequests. It is a requirement that all funds granted by the Pharmacy Research Trust of NSW are applied directly to the successful project, and are not subject to any charges such as overheads or administrative costs.

All applications will be assessed by a Research Committee appointed by the Trustees. It will not be possible to give feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

Applications close on 9th December 2011

Categories of Application

- A. Research project grants from established investigators. These may include requests for research maintenance/personnel or scholarships for postgraduate students. The latter should be named within the ensuing academic year.
- B. Seed funding from less established researchers, usually of fewer than three years standing, or for support of established investigators in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the Research Committee). Such projects should be capable of leading to sufficient results to enable subsequent applications for funding to larger granting bodies.

If an application is deemed not eligible under the nominated category, the Research Committee reserves the right to consider the application under the other category.

Duration

All research projects and seed funding, other than scholarships for postgraduate students, will have a maximum duration of two years.

All postgraduate scholarships will have a duration of three years (PhD) or two years (Masters), with a possibility of extension for a further 6 months in the case of PhD scholarships (with the approval of the Research Committee following submission of acceptable progress reports).

Funding

All Category A projects have a maximum award up to \$20,000 per annum (research projects) and \$19,000 per annum (postgraduate scholarships).

All Category B (seed funding) projects have a maximum award up to \$10,000 per annum.

Criteria for Awards

The Research Committee will consider the following:

- The overall quality of the project
- The quality of the applicant and the successful track record of applicant (as judged by the applicant's experience and research record)
- The case that the research is worthwhile and the likelihood of success within the stated timeframe
- The likelihood that new knowledge will emerge from the research
- That the level of funding requested is sufficient to achieve the stated outcomes, and whether additional funds have been sought or approved from other funding bodies
- That the investigator has the capacity to take the project to a successful conclusion

Established researchers will be required to justify their need to seek funding from the Pharmacy Research Trust of NSW in preference to any other external funding source.

Other Conditions

A maximum of one application in either category from any one researcher, but an applicant may be a co-investigator in a maximum of two applications.

In determining the level of support the Research Committee may take into account any external funding received by the applicant for this or any other project.

The following will **NOT** be funded:

- Conferences
- Workshops
- Projects which are part of the applicant's higher degree studies
- The salary of a chief investigator

Reports

Annual reports of not more than 500 words regarding the progress of the project should be forwarded to the Trustees via the Research Committee.

Within six months of completion of the project, a final report should be forwarded to the Trustees via the Research Committee.

All reports should include a description of the work carried out and any publications resulting from the work.

Acknowledgement

Recipients of grants are expected to make due acknowledgement in their publications of the assistance received by the Pharmacy Research Trust of NSW.