

**THE Viertel
Charitable
FOUNDATION**

Sylvia and Charles Viertel
Charitable Foundation

CLINICAL INVESTIGATORSHIPS

TO BE AWARDED IN AUSTRALIA FOR 2015

**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR
APPLICANTS AND SPONSORS**

Applications close on 1 May 2014

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About the Foundation

The Foundation was established by Mr Charles Viertel's Will in 1992. The Will provides for Trustees to administer the Foundation and specifies the purposes for which the income from the Foundation can be distributed (or granted).

Charles Viertel's Will provides that the Trustees of the Foundation may at ***their absolute discretion*** select and make grants to charitable organisations and for charitable purposes anywhere in Australia.

Within the terms of the Will and respecting the wishes documented in the Will, the Trustees have set out guidelines to assist grant seekers.

This document provides information and instructions for application for a **Clinical Investigatorship** for commencement in 2015. The Trustees determine these awards in the light of recommendations received from an appointed Medical Advisory Board.

The Trustees

- Mr George Curphey OAM (Chair)
- Justice Debra Mullins
- Mr Rex Freudenberg
- ANZ Trustees

Medical Advisory Board

- Professor Peter Leedman (Chair)
- Professor Graham Brown AM
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- Professor Angel Lopez
- Professor Frances Shannon
- Professor Carola G Vineusa
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Enquiries

General administrative enquiries in relation to Clinical Investigatorships **must** be addressed to ANZ Trustees in the first instance by telephone 1800 011 047 or by email to: charitabletrusts@anz.com

Establishment Grants for Clinical Investigators

Applications are invited for Clinical Investigator awards of \$85,000, given on a once-only basis. The Foundation hopes to offer five (5) awards in this category.

Eligible applicants will be medical graduates or graduates of other clinical disciplines who have completed both their clinical and research training which will normally be at doctoral level and are commencing their first substantive (appointment of 5 years or more) clinical position, or have been in such a post for no more than 24 months on 1 May of the year of application.

Applicants should be actively engaged in clinical work and pursuing health and medical research in a university clinical department, a teaching hospital, a clinical research unit of a research institute or in an academic general practice setting. The applications will be judged predominantly on the quality of the applicant's track record and career achievements to date. The quality of a brief research proposal will also be taken into account.

Applications must be made following the enclosed instructions and meet the eligibility criteria outlined in this document.

Eligibility

Establishment grants for Clinical Investigators have been initiated by the Foundation in order to stimulate and encourage clinical research in Australia. In particular the grants are intended to assist new investigators to establish their research programs at the time of the difficult transition from doctoral and post-doctoral training posts to their first definitive clinical positions in an academic environment. Clinical Investigators will be awarded a once only grant of \$85,000.

Eligibility for a Clinical Investigatorship requires the following:

- The applicant should be a medical graduate or a graduate of another clinical discipline with a definitive clinical appointment.
- The applicant should be actively engaged in clinical research.
- The applicant should be working in a University clinical department, a teaching hospital, a clinical research unit in a research institute or in an academic general practice setting.
- The applicant should have been appointed to such a position but have been in the position for no more than 24 months on 1 May of the year of application. Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply the year following, provided that they have still been no more than 24 months in their position.
- People holding nationally competitive (e.g. NHMRC) fellowships of 0.5 or greater are ineligible.

Applications will be judged on the basis of **merit** and **excellence** in competition with other applications.

Reporting

Successful grant recipients are required to lodge a report at the conclusion of the grant detailing the achievements and evaluating the success of the activities for which funding was given.

A proforma for these reports can be found in the Scholarships & Fellowships section of the ANZ Trustees website at – www.anz.com/anztrustees

Acknowledgment

ANZ Trustees encourages organisations to publicly acknowledge the support received from a charitable foundation.

Instructions for completing an application

The applications for an award as a "Clinical Investigator" must be made on the current *Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation Clinical Investigator Application Form* and include:

- **A full Curriculum Vitae** which should include details of the: new position, specifying in detail the nature of the clinical appointment; previous positions and training; any awards or honours; other grant support already obtained or applied for; and a full list of publications;
- **A letter from the Head of the department/institution** giving details of the date of appointment and the date on which the applicant was due to take up or had taken up his or her position; and
- Ensure that reports complying with "**Guidelines for Referee Reports**" on Page 5 of these Guidelines are provided to ANZ Trustees by two (2) separate referees. It is the **responsibility of the applicant** to ensure that the referees complete and email their reports to trustapp@anz.com **by the closing date of 1 May**.

Important dates

- Closing date: **The application and referee reports** must be emailed in **PDF format** to trustapp@anz.com by **5pm on 1 May each year**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- Outcome notification date: **Late November**.
- Payment date: The Clinical Investigatorships are normally paid in **January of the following year**.

The Foundation's Trustees, Medical Advisory Board and Secretariat are not obliged to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.