

Medical Research & Technology in Victoria Guidelines

Applications Close: 1 July

Background

The Medical Research and technology in Victoria grant program commenced in 1991 as a partnership of Victorian based philanthropic funders. The objective of the program is to support medical research including the purchase of equipment essential to a specified project. A Medical Advisory Committee assesses applications based on scientific merit and excellence.

The program enables funders to take a co-ordinated and co-operative approach to providing medical research grants in Victoria, whilst also retaining the individuality of each Foundation. The following trusts presently contribute funds to the program:

- The Appel Family Bequest
- The Arthur & Mary Osborn Charitable Trust
- The Hugh D.T. Williamson Foundation
- Victorian Community Foundation - The Dean William Robert Winter Trust
- Victorian Community Foundation - James and Vera Lawson Trust
- Victorian Community Foundation - The George Perry Fund
- The William Buckland Foundation

The trusts listed above have varying requirements regarding the tax status of the organisations to which they can make grants. **Consequently, grants are provided to the organisations from the specific contributing funder and cannot be transferred to another organisation without prior approval from ANZ Trustees.**

Philanthropic funding is distinct from government funding. It can offer encouragement for developing projects or new ideas while also supporting excellence, often prior to government funding being obtained. Philanthropic funds are a "gift" from a benefactor who wishes to contribute towards public good. Often benefactors apply conditions on their funding, and the Medical Advisory Committee takes these individual conditions into account when making recommendations of grants.

ANZ Trustees has created a number of grant programs. The Programs are an initiative that brings together discretionary charitable trusts for which ANZ Trustees is the sole Trustee which have the same or similar purposes.

The Programs aim to:

- ensure a focus on the particular charitable areas nominated by the benefactors;
- provide a pool of funds that can support those projects and initiatives more likely to achieve some sustainable benefit to the community;
- offer more exposure to substantial projects to the smaller trusts, some of which have relatively small amounts of income to distribute; and
- make the process of applying for funding from ANZ Trustees easier for the organisations seeking support.

ANZ Trustees is a wholly owned subsidiary of ANZ with a long history of trustee and charitable services. In addition, ANZ Trustees provides estate planning, private client, deceased estate administration and portfolio management services. ANZ Trustees manages over 230 charitable foundations and generates over \$70 million annually for distribution to a wide variety of charitable organisations in Australia.

Medical Advisory Committee

Each contributing charitable foundation has a representative on the Medical Advisory Committee.

Representative	Foundation
Professor Joe Proietto (Chair) <i>Centre for Obesity Research and Education, Austin Medical Centre</i>	The William Buckland Foundation
Professor Robin Bell <i>School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University Alfred Hospital Monash University Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences</i>	The William Buckland Foundation
Professor Gail Risbridger <i>Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University</i>	ANZ Trustees Victorian Community Foundation - James and Vera Lawson Trust Victorian Community Foundation - The Dean William Robert Winter Trust Victorian Community Foundation - The George Perry Fund The Arthur & Mary Osborn Charitable Trust The Appel Family Bequest
Professor David Vaux <i>Department of Biochemistry, La Trobe University</i>	The Hugh D.T. Williamson Foundation
TBA	The William Buckland Foundation
Mr Grant Hooper	ANZ Trustees

Reporting

Successful grant recipients are requested 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 on the ANZ Trustees website - www.anztrustees.com/anztrustees - in the Health & Medical section (click on the Victoria tab).

Acknowledgment

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

Guidelines

To ensure you are using the most recent guidelines and application form and for more information on granting go to www.anz.com/anztrustees or telephone 1800 011 047 from anywhere in Australia.

Funding guide

- Funding is limited to projects **in Victoria**. This is a requirement of the contributing Charitable Trusts and not of ANZ Trustees.
- Grants of up to **\$30,000** will be awarded.
- Funding is given for **one year only**.
- Scientific merit and excellence as assessed by the Committee is the crucial factor in success of applications.
- Projects will not be funded retrospectively.

Grants are given for

- Basic clinical and biomedical research.
- Clinically relevant research on major health problems. Note: some foundations have specific interests related to cancer research and cardiovascular research, and applicants with such areas of focus are encouraged to apply.
- In the case of equipment grants, funding will only be provided for specific equipment directly related to and required for nominated projects, and not for general equipment and needs of an organisation.

Preference is given to

- Younger investigators establishing new laboratories or their own clinical/public health research program.
- Novel ideas requiring funding for a small discreet project or seed funding for a novel idea that has the potential to develop further.
- Applicants with projects related to cancer or cardiovascular conditions.
- Purchase of equipment specific to the nominated research project.

Grants will not be given

- To other grant-making bodies and charitable foundations.
- For general infrastructure, core and standard equipment for research laboratories.
- To directly support PhD student projects.

Important dates

- Closing date: **The application and referee reports** must be emailed in **PDF format** to trustapp@anz.com by **5pm on 1 July each year** (even if the closing date falls on a weekend or Public Holiday). Late applications cannot be accepted. **Please use the following file format:**
Grant program_Name of Candidate's Institution(Candidates surname)_type of file.file format
E.g. MedRes&TVic_UMelb(Smith)_App.pdf
- Outcome notification date: **Late November**.

Instructions for completing the application form

- Read the "Privacy Statement and Consents" contained in the Granting FAQs document available from the Granting section of the ANZT website – www.anz.com/anztrustees and complete the Grant Application Form.
- Answer all of the questions in the Grant Application Form.
- Quotations will need to be supplied for all equipment requests over \$5,000.
- Enclose a letter in support of your application from the Head (or other relevant higher authority) of the sponsoring institution or department. (Please note that if letters are not included applications cannot be considered).
- Do not include any materials other than those specifically requested.

For further information please contact us at: charitabletrusts@anz.com