

ANZ Trustees PhD Scholarships in Medical Research, Queensland Guidelines

Applications Close: 15 April

Background

The ANZ Trustees Queensland Medical Research grant program commenced in 2004 as a partnership of Queensland based philanthropic funders. The objectives of the program are to:

- Support excellence in medical scientific research in Queensland
- Build medical research capacity in Queensland

The program provides funding for:

- ANZ Trustees PhD Scholarships in Medical Research, Queensland; and
- ANZ Trustees Children's Medical Research in Queensland Program (see separate guidelines)

The program enables funders to take a co-ordinated and co-operative approach to supporting medical research in Queensland, whilst also retaining the individuality of each Foundation. The following ten trusts, for which ANZ Trustees is the sole trustee, presently contribute funds to the program:

- ANZ Queensland Community Foundation
- ANZ Queensland Community Foundation ANZ Bank Fund
- ANZ Queensland Community Foundation - T. G. Swallow Trust
- ANZ Trustees Foundation – Elizabeth Murray Charitable Gift
- The John & Thelma Cox Memorial Fund
- Herbert John Hinchey Charitable Trust
- A. E. Hingeley Trust
- R. D. Hingeley Trust
- Laurie Gertrude McCallum Estate
- Kenneth Cameron Thomson & Betty Madge Thomson Memorial Fund

Grants are provided to the organisations from the specific contributing funder and cannot be transferred to another organisation without prior approval from ANZ Trustees.

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.

Queensland Medical Advisory Committee

ANZ Trustees has formed a Queensland Medical Advisory Committee to make grant recommendations to the Board. The Queensland Medical Advisory Committee considers all applications for medical research grants from the two programs. The members of the Queensland Medical Advisory Committee are:

Professor Paul Colditz (Chair) - Perinatal Research Centre, University of Queensland
Professor John Prins – Mater Medical Research Institute
Professor David Whiteman – Queensland Institute of Medical Research
Associate Professor Carol Wicking - Institute for Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland
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ANZ Trustees' representative

Reporting

Successful applicants are required to provide annual progress reports and, at the conclusion of their scholarship, a Final Report. Reporting pro formas can be found in the Scholarships & Fellowships section of our website - www.anz.com/anztrustees

Evidence of scholar's having actively sought **alternative** funds from major granting bodies such as Australian Research Council (ARC) and NHMRC is expected in these reports.

At the time of lodging the abovementioned reports, scholars are also expected to submit:

- A copy of the most recent report submitted to their Institution; and
- A letter from their primary Supervisor

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.

Scholarships

The Trustees invite applications for PhD Scholarships in Queensland for 2 years (a third year of support (or part thereof) will be considered upon a written request from a recipient). Various factors will be taken into account by the Medical Advisory Committee when it considers such requests. These include: the availability of funds; the reason for the request; and evidence of the applicant having actively sought funds from other granting bodies).

Whilst the interests of the funders contributing to this grants program are varied, their primary interests are research into paediatric cancer, other childhood diseases, cancer research and heart research. The scholarship funding provided through this program is to be used for primary stipend support.

Scholarship amounts are based on National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) stipend guidelines but may vary at the discretion of the Trustee.

Applicants are required to nominate two referees as well as a sponsor, who will normally be the Head of the Department, Division or Section of the Academic Institution in which the applicant studies. At least one of these Referees will not be a supervisor of the applicant's PhD.

The applicants will be judged predominantly on the quality of their track record and a brief research proposal and in competition with other applicants.

ANZ Trustees and the Queensland Medical Advisory Committee are not obliged to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

Eligibility

- The applicant is eligible for admission to a PhD program at a University in Queensland;
- The applicant is undertaking medical research;
- The applicant is studying in Queensland;
- The applicant is not holding concurrent scholarships for PhD research; and
- No partial scholarships will be considered.

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.
- **Supply a full Curriculum Vitae** - so that the Committee can get a full understanding of an applicant's achievements, all applicants are requested to include the following information in their CV: details of previous positions and training; the new position; supervisor/s; any awards or honours received at tertiary level; financial support already obtained or applied for; and a full list of publications;
- Ensure that reports that comply with "Guidelines for Referee Reports" on Page 4 of these Guidelines are provided to ANZ Trustees by two (2) separate referees (including one that is not a Supervisor of the applicant's PhD). 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 15 April**.
- Do not include any materials other than those specifically requested.

Important dates

- Closing date: **The application and referee reports** must be emailed in **PDF format** to trustapp@anz.com by **5pm on 15 April each year** (even if the closing date falls on a weekend or Public Holiday). Late applications cannot be accepted.
- Outcome notification date: **Late October**.

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

ANZ Trustees PhD Scholarships in Medical Research, Queensland Guidelines for Referee Reports

The scholarships have been initiated in order to stimulate and encourage medical research in Queensland. In particular the scholarships are intended to assist PhD students to establish their research programs and attract further funding.

Referees are invited to submit a report about the applicant and his/her research proposal, including comments on the following:

1. Whether the applicant has the knowledge, skills and creativity to pursue the research program that has been proposed.
2. How you see the applicant's future in Queensland academic medicine or medical research.
3. Where you would place the applicant with respect to the relevant peer group.
4. Is there any particular work that has already been done which would make the applicant worthy of this award?
5. Your views on (or assessment of) the quality of the research proposal.

Referees' reports are treated as **strictly confidential** and will be available only to members of the Medical Advisory Committee and the Secretariat.

The referee's reports must be emailed in **PDF format** to trustapp@anz.com by **5pm on 15 April**. Please use the following file format:

Grant program_Name of Candidate's Institution(Candidates surname)_type of file(Referee's surname).file format

E.g. PhDQld_UQ(Smith)_RefRep(Davis).pdf

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY THE APPLICANT TO THE TWO
NOMINATED REFEREES.**

It is available separately in the Health & Medical section of the ANZ Trustees Website