

The ARC HARRY WINDSOR RESEARCH GRANTS SCHEME

Information Sheet and Grant Conditions for 2019

The Australian Respiratory Council is seeking to award research grants of approximately \$20,000 per grant in 2019.

These grants are named in honour of the late Dr Harry Windsor, a leading Australian heart surgeon who played a key role in the ARC for many years.

Dr Windsor performed the first heart transplant operation in Australia and was a prominent cardiothoracic surgeon at Sydney's St Vincent's Hospital.



Dr Windsor was actively involved with ARC and its Board from 1955 until his death in 1987.

PURPOSE

Grants will be for projects that address basic science, clinical research, and public health in tuberculosis (TB). Projects examining TB/HIV, community issues or the health of disadvantaged groups that relate to the work that the ARC undertakes within Australia and the Pacific Region are particularly encouraged.

Further information about the project work undertaken by the Australian Respiratory Council can be found on the website:

<http://www.thearc.org.au>

ELIGIBILITY

ARC Harry Windsor Research Grants will be allocated for projects that were submitted to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) in 2018 that were assessed as fundable by the NHMRC but have missed the cut-off for funding in 2018.

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

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

TENURE

ARC Harry Windsor Research 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 2018 to research@thearc.org.au.

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

The 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 TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 2018.

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LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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
- 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 Harry Windsor Research Grants will be made in December of each year. Applicants will be advised as soon as possible thereafter.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

If selected, project funding will become available from January 2019.

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 Harry Windsor Research 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 June 2019. A final report on the outcomes of the project is to be submitted on completion and no later than the 31st January 2020.

An annual and final statement of expenditure charged against the research grant as at the 31st December 2019, is to be submitted to ARC at the same time.

PUBLICATIONS

The Chief Investigator will furnish the 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 Harry Windsor Research 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.

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