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Research Impact Grant Guidelines

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ABOUT

AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PARAMEDICINE

The Australasian College of Paramedicine (the 'College') is the peak professional organisation supporting and representing more than 10,000 paramedics across Australia and New Zealand.

College members include paramedics at all clinical levels, paramedicine academics and researchers, student paramedics, doctors and nurses working in the emergency medicine field, non-paramedic qualified staff working in paramedicine, retrievalists, first responders and volunteers.

COLLEGE RESEARCH IMPACT GRANTS

The College is committed to enabling the development of discipline-specific knowledge through support of members undertaking research.

The generation of knowledge that informs clinical practice, health service delivery or paramedic education is critical to the development of the profession. Well-designed and executed research will provide the basis for evidence-based practice, particularly in areas where knowledge is lacking or incomplete.

The College recognises the importance and challenges of promoting, disseminating, and translating research findings. To support these essential efforts, we are offering five grants of \$1,000 each to assist in sharing research through conference presentations, publications, and other impactful platforms.

GRANT ROUND

Applications open Monday 2 September 2024 and close Friday 11 October 2024.

Applications for grants are competitive and researchers are encouraged to begin the application process early.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions can be directed to research@paramedics.org.

GRANT CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA

RESEARCH IMPACT GRANT

The Research Impact Grant seeks to support the dissemination of research through conference presentation, publication or similar means.

Grant conditions and criteria:

- five grants available to a maximum of \$1,000 each
- grant funds must be spent within 12 months (or funds must be returned)
- grants are open to paramedicine researchers at any career stage
- applicants must be a current financial member of the College and have been so for:
 - Australian applicants: >2 years
 - Aotearoa New Zealand applicants: >18 month

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Researchers who have previously been awarded a College research grant within the last 24 months are not eligible to apply again.

RESEARCH TOPIC

The research topic must be directly and clearly related to at least one of the research priorities identified in the Research Agenda for Australasian Paramedicine. Information about the Research Agenda priorities can be found [here](#).

Applicants must submit a full research protocol to enable assessment of suitability for funding. The College reserves the right to establish research priorities for funding and to reject applications that fail to meet research eligibility criteria or that do not align with strategic priorities.

ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

The College will consider funding applications for:

- costs associated with registering for conferences where the research will be presented, including online or in-person events
- funding to cover travel and accommodation costs for attending and presenting research findings at relevant conferences or seminars
- costs for submitting research papers to peer-reviewed journals, including open access publication fees
- expenses related to creating posters, brochures, or other promotional materials for research presentations at conferences or for dissemination through community or academic events

HOW TO APPLY

Grant applications must be submitted via the online application form located in the members only area of the College website. The application should be completed by the chief investigator. The following information will be required:

- title of the research
- name of the chief investigator and other researchers on the team (if applicable)
- the aim, significance, outcomes of interest and research methods
- a project timeline
- the budget for the project, indicating the items intended to be funded by the College grant
- you will also need to send additional documents to research@paramedics.org:
 - a copy of your research protocol
 - evidence of university enrolment or evidence of employment as an academic in a university, or evidence of membership of a research centre
 - evidence of ethics approval (if available at the time of application) - ethics approval must be provided before grant funds will be released

APPLICATION TIPS

Your application will consider the following areas:

- having a clear and consistent description of the research methodology and methods for data collection
- a well-constructed justification of the choice of research method and why it is appropriate for the project
- accurately describe and justify how the grant funds will be spent
- provide a clear explanation of how you intend on translating your research which benefits paramedicine practice and/or workforce
- A clear and feasible research timeline with justifications for milestones and expenditure

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT AND NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOMES

The College will assess all grant applications based on the following criteria:

- the importance to paramedicine and research priorities of the College
- aim, significance and outcome
- research methodology
- project timeline, reasonableness and feasibility of completion
- budget.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

THE GRANT AGREEMENT

Where an application is successful, applicants will be sent a copy of the College's grant agreement for review and signing. The approval of a grant may be subject to specific conditions determined by the College during the assessment process; any such conditions will be identified in the grant agreement.

The grant must be claimed within 12 months of award notification. Failure to adhere to this timeline will result in forfeiture of the grant.

The College is not responsible for any project expenses incurred prior to the signing of the grant agreement; however, the College may agree to retrospectively fund such expenses if the expenses are deemed eligible.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Prior to the release of funds, applicants must:

- sign and return the College's grant agreement
- provide bank account details in the grant recipient's name for the deposit of funds
- provide evidence of ethics approval (if not already provided during the application process)

UNSUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Where an application is unsuccessful, the applicant may appeal in writing to the College within four weeks of the notification of outcome. The appeal will be reviewed by the College and the applicant will be notified of the appeal outcome via email.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Researchers must inform the College immediately of any change of circumstance that may impact the successful completion of the research project or that may constitute a breach of the grant agreement.

In the event the research project cannot be completed and/or the grant agreement is breached, the College may request full or partial reimbursement of grant funds.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Researchers must provide the College with a six-monthly progress report that includes an update on progress towards completion of the research project and a breakdown of expenditure (including tax invoices or receipts).

The College reserves the right to request reimbursement of grant funds if an expense item is found to be ineligible for funding.

At any time, the College may request a statement of account for the grant funds bank account.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANT

The College must be acknowledged in all publications and/or conference presentations as having contributed financially to the study.

USE OF COLLEGE LOGO

Researchers must seek permission from the College before using the College logo on any article or presentation.

ENQUIRIES AND FEEDBACK

Enquires and feedback on these guidelines or the grant process can be directed to research@paramedics.org.