



ANZSBT Scholarship Funding 2019

The ANZSBT is offering a scholarship amount of \$12,500 excluding GST in 2019 which will allow the successful applicant(s) to undertake a course of study or other activity to develop their understanding of, or contribute to, the advancement of transfusion medicine and science.

The scholarship amount of \$12,500 may be split to award a number of smaller scholarships/awards.

To be eligible you must:

- Be an ANZSBT member
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- Be undertaking specialised research in haematology, preferably transfusion medicine, and preferably with enrolment in a higher degree OR undertaking research or study relevant to transfusion medicine or science.
- Be able to demonstrate a long-term commitment to a career in transfusion

The scholarship can be used to cover full or partial fees from post graduate coursework, undergraduate coursework, Masters courses, supplemental allowance for Full Time research and transfusion education courses involving clinical and laboratory transfusion medicine.

The potential of the scholarship is to specifically help towards the professional development of scientists, nurses, medical staff, students and transfusion practitioners by helping the applicant's studies impact or change practice in transfusion medicine or science.

Applicants should take note of the scholarship's purpose, the Society's aims (found on <https://anzsbt.org.au/about/about-anzsbt/>) and the key selection criteria as set out below.

Key Selection Criteria:

Criterion A: Eligibility

- Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand citizens / permanent residents.
- Applicants must be an ANZSBT member – applicants can apply for membership via the Join Us page on the ANZSBT website (www.anzsbt.org.au).

Criterion B: Research or study intentions and their relevance to transfusion medicine or science

- Applicants must provide current or proposed study details e.g. outline the general area of transfusion research they wish to study or the transfusion course or study that they are pursuing.
- If currently studying, applicants must also provide a letter from the institution confirming research or course of study.

- Applicants are to describe how the chosen course of study or research is applicable and relevant to transfusion medicine and science and how they intend to use the knowledge and experience from their course of study in current and/or future employment.

Criterion C: Educational and Research background

- Applicants must provide details of educational background such as qualifications, any other study, post-graduate courses and any relevant professional experience in transfusion.
- Applicants are to provide details of any applicable research experience in transfusion.
- If applicable, applicants can provide details of any academic awards or scholarships that they have received.
- If applicable, applicants can provide details of any relevant publications or presentations at state, national and international meetings.

Criterion D: Funding

- Applicants must disclose details of any current funding of another award, scholarship or source of professional funding.
- Applicants must also disclose if they have applied for other sources of scholarship or professional development funding for the scholarship being applied for.

Applicants must provide an up to date Curriculum Vitae.

Selection process

Each application will be assessed according to the Key Selection Criteria documented above. Applications that do not address each criterion will not be considered. Applicants will need to indicate on the Application Form if a particular criterion does not apply to them.

Scholarships are limited and will be granted at the discretion of the ANZSBT Council. The decision of the ANZSBT Council is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Successful applicants

Successful applicants will be required to provide a signed letter formally accepting the offer of scholarship.

Successful applicants will be required to pay their course (or other) fees as they arise. The ANZSBT will then reimburse the fees once agreed academic or research milestones or other conditions are met as determined by the ANZSBT Council. These milestones are set out in the *Scholarship Conditions* listed below. Presentation of transcripts and invoices must be forwarded as supporting documentation.

Scholarship conditions

Access to scholarship funding is contingent on the applicant satisfactorily meeting agreed outcomes:

<i>Submission of course results</i>	Satisfactory completion (i.e. pass) of the agreed unit(s) of study. Graduates must submit a certificate of completion to the ANZSBT.
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Submission from research or higher degree students Satisfactory progress against agreed milestones for postgraduate study. Progress reports must be provided at 6 and 12 months, plus a supporting letter from the student's supervisor to the ANZSBT.

Deferment from course If an awardee is required to defer from their chosen course or research for any reason, they must notify the ANZSBT within ONE week of the change in study arrangements.

If awardee opts to subsequently change to a course unrelated to transfusion medicine the offer funding will be withdrawn.

Withdrawal from course Awardees withdrawing from their course or not enrolling are required to notify the ANZSBT within ONE week of withdrawal and the offer of funding will be withdrawn or scholarship terminated.

Termination of scholarship The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

- Withdraws from their eligible course or fails to enrol;
- Does not maintain satisfactory academic performance;
- Is determined by the ANZSBT to have provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application; or
- Does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave.

Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

Repayment of scholarship Where an awardee is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, ANZSBT reserves the right to request that any scholarship funds already paid to the recipient be repaid to the Society.
