

ANZSBT Research Fund 2021

Call for Applications

The Society seeks expressions of interest for the **ANZSBT Research Fund** for the calendar year 2021.

The Society is offering a total of **\$50,000** comprising either a single grant of \$50,000 or smaller grants totalling \$50,000.

Applicants should take note of the fund's purpose and the criteria for assessing applications as detailed overleaf.

The ANZSBT Research Fund supports basic, clinical and translational transfusion research in Australasia to investigators at all levels of their careers. The aim of the Research fund is to support the advancement of research in transfusion medicine and science and to promote and develop research in related medical knowledge and science.

Grants will be available for research projects and are intended for researchers who have not received significant funding from other sources for the nominated project. Applications that seek funding to provide service delivery are unlikely to be funded.

Consideration will be given to applications that support a candidate to obtain an academic degree and/or to conduct research work or gain professional expertise at a centre of excellence relevant to the field of blood transfusion. The Society is also receptive to applications from a nurse-based research project.

Applications are sought and should include:

- Sufficient information to enable the Research Committee to adequately assess each application
- The application must address each of the headings within the application form
- Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum)

Application forms are available from www.anzsb.org.au

Please email **a single PDF file of your application and supporting documents** to:

Email: anzsbt@anzsbt.org.au

Please contact the Secretariat if you do not receive an email confirmation of your submission.

The closing date for applications will be on Sunday 28th March 2021.

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Purpose of the Fund

To contribute towards research in transfusion medicine and science in Australasia and to promote and develop research in related medical knowledge and science.

The Society maintains broad interests in clinical practice improvement, patient blood management and haemovigilance and will accept applications based on these interests.

In addition, the ANZSBT Council has suggested the following research priorities for 2021:

- Transfusion in rural and remote settings;
- Transfusion in the fetal, neonatal and paediatric settings;
- Transfusion in indigenous populations or minority groups of Australia or New Zealand
- Transfusion in the elderly; or
- Patient safety in the context of transfusion.

Eligibility

Individuals or groups in Australia and New Zealand involved in, or planning to undertake, research in transfusion medicine and/or transfusion science.

Please note: Applicants do not need to be members of ANZSBT.

Selection process

Applications will be reviewed by the Research Committee, consisting of Professor Wendy Erber (Chair), Professor Paul Monagle, Associate Professor Catherine Hyland, Professor Erica Wood and Dr Laura Young.

The Research Committee will evaluate the merits of the proposed research project, to ensure that it is relevant, of a suitable standard and has potential value to Australia and New Zealand.

The final allocation of grants will be decided by Council based on recommendations from the Research Committee.

Review criteria

1. Four key criteria on which the assessment will be based are:

- Significance of the project and value of the potential outcomes
- Quality of the research plan
- Feasibility of the project including timeframe
- Track record of the applicant(s)

2. Funding for software development projects can be considered but there has to be clear demonstrable benefit within the ethos of research. There has to be a clear research agenda, rather than just a product development agenda. The projects are to be decided on a case by case basis if they can demonstrate research priorities and outcomes that are conducive to ANZSBT's vision and must have caveats in place against commercial venture.
3. Please note that indirect research costs such as infrastructure levies etc will NOT be funded by the grant

Conditions

Successful applicants must agree to abide by the conditions of the grant. Conditions include:

1. Providing a written progress report (of up to 500 words) by 30 June 2022
2. Submitting an abstract on the project to the Blood 2022 meeting
3. Providing a brief synopsis of research outcomes for inclusion on the society's website by 30 June 2022
4. Agreement to publish results in the scientific or technical press as well as ANZSBT publications
5. An undertaking to make available for general use, licences for Australian patents issued in the course of this research

Applications

Applications will be called for at times determined by Council. Application forms are available from the Society website www.anzsb.org.au.