

# ANZSBT Research Fund 2025

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## Call for applications

The Society seeks expressions of interest for grants from the **ANZSBT Research Fund** for the 2025 calendar year.

The ANZSBT Research Fund supports research in transfusion and related fields (as long as they otherwise meet eligibility criteria) and is offering a total of **\$75,000**, comprising either a single grant of \$75,000 or smaller grants totalling \$75,000.

The ANZSBT Research Fund is available to **ANZSBT Members residing in Australia and New Zealand** at all levels of their careers who are undertaking basic science, clinical or translational research in transfusion or related fields. The Society encourages applications from nurses, medical staff, medical laboratory scientists and researchers for funding of suitable projects.

Grants are intended for researchers who have not received significant funding from other sources for their nominated project.

Consideration will be given to applications that support a candidate to obtain an academic degree and/or conduct research to gain expertise at a centre of excellence relevant to transfusion.

The terms of reference are attached. For more information go to the '[Awards & Grants](#)' page of the [ANZSBT website](#) where you can also download the terms of reference and application.

Completed applications should be emailed as **a single PDF file with supporting documents** to [anzsbt@anzsbt.org.au](mailto:anzsbt@anzsbt.org.au)

**Closing date for applications: COB Monday 31 March 2025**

# ANZSBT Research Fund Terms of Reference

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## Purpose of the Fund

To contribute towards basic science, clinical (including safe and appropriate transfusion practice, patient blood management and haemovigilance) and translational research in transfusion or related fields in Australia and New Zealand.

Council has identified the following areas as its research priorities for 2025:

- Transfusion in rural and remote settings;
- Transfusion in the foetal, neonatal and paediatric settings;
- Transfusion in indigenous populations or minority groups of Australia or New Zealand
- Community engaged research
- Implementation science and quality improvement
- Transfusion in the elderly

## Applications

Applications will be called for by Council. The Application form is available from the [‘Awards & Grants’](#) page of the [ANZSBT website](#).

## Eligibility

**Note: Applicants for the ANZSBT Research Fund must be members of the Society.**

You can find more [information about membership](#) and [how to join](#) on our [website](#). Application for membership alongside the grant application will be accepted.

The Society invites applications from either individuals or groups in Australia and New Zealand who are involved in, or planning to undertake, research in transfusion or related fields.

The Society recognises the importance of supporting career development of the next generation of transfusion researchers. The Society therefore encourages applications from early career researchers (less than 5 years since PhD, FRCPA, FAIMS or equivalent qualification) and post-graduate students. The Society encourages applications from nurses or medical laboratory scientists for funding of suitable projects. There is an expectation by the Society that if an early career researcher is awarded a grant, that awardee will see the project to completion.

## **Selection process**

The **ANZSBT 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**

The four key criteria by which the application will be assessed 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)

Please note the Society will not fund:

- An organisation's operational projects such as single-centre hospital audits or validation studies
- Indirect research costs such as infrastructure levies or similar
- Travel expenses or registration fees for presentation of work at the BLOOD meeting
- Any travel expenses associated with the research project

Software projects may be considered if there is a demonstrable research benefit and not simply seeking funding of product development. Application for software projects will be decided on a case-by-case basis if they can demonstrate research priorities and outcomes conducive to ANZSBT's vision and must have caveats in place against commercialization of the venture.

## **Notification of the outcome**

Applicants will be notified by letter sent via email, advising them of the outcome of their application within eight weeks of the closing date for applications.

## **Grant conditions**

The award of funds is subject to acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant:

- Provision of a written progress report (of up to 500 words) six months after the first grant payment is made
- Presentation of the findings or the outcome(s) from the research project at the BLOOD annual scientific meeting
- Provision of a brief synopsis of research outcomes for inclusion on the society's website

Full terms and conditions will be sent to successful applicants as part of their notification letter.