The Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA) is pleased to offer research funding through the APSA Research Grant Scheme to support original research in the disciplines of pharmaceutical science, pharmacy practice and/or pharmacy education. The purpose of the grant is specifically focussed on contribution to the career trajectory of APSA members and/or provision of support to individuals or teams of individuals transitioning to research independence.

**Funding Conditions**

Annual grants of up to $5,000 (AUD) to support an original research project will be made available by APSA. Additional funding support is also required by the applicant’s host institution(s), such that a maximum of 50% of project costs (up to $5,000) will be provided by APSA. The relevant proportion of any unused funds at the end of the funding period shall be returned to APSA. The research funds are to be used for the project only, as per the budget outline; APSA does not support institutional infrastructure or overhead costs.

The APSA Research Grant Scheme intends to fund 1-2 projects during the 2019 round. Grants may/may not be awarded at the discretion of the APSA Executive Committee.

Applications will be accepted for submission until 11:59pm AEST, 30 September 2019 and shall be submitted via email to apsa.general@outlook.com. Applicants will be notified of submission outcomes in November and will be expected to have pre-project administrative requirements (e.g. ethics approval) in progress prior to the award of the grant at the APSA Annual Conference in December 2019. The funding period will be for a maximum of 12 months and the successful applicant(s) will present the outcomes of the funded work at the 2020 APSA Annual Conference. Additionally, a report outlining the research outcomes, including project expenditure, will be submitted to the APSA Council at the end of the 12-month funding period. Failure to present findings in the form of an APSA conference presentation and report to the APSA Council as outlined will require reimbursement of funds to APSA.

APSA shall be acknowledged on all resulting publications and presentations.

**Applicant Eligibility**

Funding is limited to full financial members of APSA; this applies to all members of the investigator team, however additional non-members may be included as Associate Investigators where necessary. The lead investigator must have been a financial member of APSA for at least 12 months prior to the grant submission deadline.

The lead investigator must not have been the primary investigator (i.e. CIA) on a previously awarded large nationally-competitive grant (e.g. NHMRC, ARC, HRC or equivalent).

**Application Requirements**

Applications must comply with the application guidelines and shall include:

* **Research Proposal**, summarising the background, research plan and project timelines (2-page limit);
* **References** (1-page limit);
* **Track Record**, summarising the capability of the individual/team relevant to the proposal and the anticipated contribution to the applicant’s career trajectory and establishment of research independence (1-page limit);
* **Career Disruption Statement**, where applicable (1-page limit);
* **Budget**, outlining the project costs and justification of funding requested (1-page limit);
* **Letter of Support** from Head of Department or equivalent, including confirmation of institutional financial contribution and availability of resources to ensure successful completion of the project.

Applications must be submitted using the attached template; submissions not meeting the formatting requirements (A4 page, 2 cm margins, 10 pt Calibri font, single line spacing) and page limits will not be considered.

**Review Process**

Applications for funding under the APSA Research Grant Scheme will be assessed by a panel of independent reviewers comprising previous APSA Medallists and APSA Life Members, according to the general guidelines contained within the Guide to NHMRC Peer Review. Submissions will be reviewed and scored based on scientific quality (50%), contribution to the field (25%), individual/team capability (relative to opportunity) and anticipated contribution to career trajectory/research independence (25%).

Scored applications will be reviewed and awarded by the APSA Council, taking into consideration the reviewers’ comments and recommendations.

**General Information**

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| **Name:** |  |
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*\* By signing above, the applicants hereby agree to the conditions of the APSA Research Grant as outlined.*

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| **Application Details** |
| **Project Title:** |  |
| **Research Area:** | [ ]  Pharmaceutical Science | [ ]  Pharmacy Practice | [ ]  Pharmacy Education |
| **Synopsis:** | *Provide a short (250 word) summary of the proposed project in lay terms* |

**Research Proposal**

**References**

**Track Record**

**Career Disruption Statement**

**Budget**

**Letter of Support**