Aims of the Scheme
The Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) Victorian Branch Research Grant Scheme aims to facilitate research in resuscitation or first aid practice in the Australian setting.

Preference will be given to projects that:
• can provide evidence to known gaps in scientific knowledge
• address links in the ‘Chain of Survival’
• have translational potential or will lead to larger project funding
• are likely to be completed within 12-months

Eligibility Criteria
Applications will be accepted by either Experienced Principal Investigators or Novice Principal Investigators.

Novice investigators will have limited research track record and no formal research training (e.g. Masters, PhD). Novice investigators must include an experienced investigator to supervise the project and to provide a letter of support for the planned research.

Length of the grant
The grants are tenable for one year. Awardees may request a time extension in writing, but no additional funding will be provided.
Applications

Application forms may be obtained from the ARC website (http://resus.org.au). Handwritten and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Applicants may only apply for one grant as a Principal Investigator. There is no limit to the number of applications on which an individual can appear as an Associate Investigator.

Application forms and letter of support (Novice Investigators) must be emailed as PDF files and named using the following convention: SURNAME_2016_Nameofdocument (e.g. SMITH_2016_Application).

Award Funding

The Research Grant Scheme will provide up to $10,000 to experienced researchers and $5,000 to novice researchers.

Funds may be used for costs related to the research project, including salary to complete the research and small items of equipment necessary to complete the project. Cost must be detailed and justified.

Funds may not be used for:
- stipends for Higher Degree Research Students (e.g. Master or PhD)
- travel, entertainment or publication costs
- costs associated with conference attendance
- computers or software

Ethical clearance

Ethics approval certificates, if necessary to complete the project as outlined, must be received by the ARC Victorian Branch before funding will be released.

If clearances are not received before December 31st 2016 funding may be withdrawn.

Progress and financial reporting

Principal Investigators must provide progress reports to the ARC Victorian Branch at completion of the project and annually for projects with approved extensions. Progress reports will include a financial acquittal of funds, progress to date, and expected timeline.

Future applications will not be considered for investigators with outstanding reports.

Acknowledgement

The Australian Research Council (Victorian Branch) must be acknowledged in any presentations and publications arising from the research undertaken as a result of this funding.

Application assessment

A panel of ARC Victorian Branch Members will review the applications which will be assessed according to the selection criteria below.

Selection Criteria

- Relevance to aims of the Scheme (10%)
- Scientific quality (40%)
- Significance (15%)
- Feasibility (10%)
- Track record of team (25%)

Feedback will not be provided for any applications.

There is no appeal process. The ARC Victorian Branch reserves the right to apply the research funding as it deems appropriate.

Contact

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