



Australian Resuscitation Council (Victorian Branch) Research Grant Scheme 2018 Including the Tony Walker Research Grant

Instructions to applicants

Closing date: Friday 18th May 2018 5pm AEST

Please read these instructions carefully before completing the application form.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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

Funded grants deemed to be of exceptional quality will be awarded the Tony Walker Research Grant. Tony Walker Chaired the Victorian Branch of the ARC for 15 years and provided inspirational leadership to the Branch.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications will be accepted from 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.

Committee Members of the ARC may apply, but may not be involved in the assessment of grants or decisions of funding.

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_2018_Nameofdocument (e.g. SMITH_2018_Application).

Award Funding

The Research Grant Scheme will provide up to \$10,000.

Funds may be used for costs related to the research project, including salary and small items of equipment necessary to complete the research. Conference costs to present completed research may be included in the budget, but only up to 10% of the total research costs may be requested. Cost must be detailed and justified.

Funds may not be used for:

- stipends for Higher Degree Research Students (e.g. Master or PhD)
- entertainment or publication costs
- 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 2018 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

Queries and applications should be directed to paul.jennings@ambulance.vic.gov.au