INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

The maximum funding per application is $30,000 for one year

Objectives

Clinical Research Grants for Allied Health, Pharmacy and Nursing are designed to support and promote clinical research by non-medical health service staff within Royal Adelaide Hospital that will ultimately lead to improving health outcomes for patients. A key objective is to provide seed funding for RAH investigators trying to establish a research profile that is likely to lead to future external funding.

These grants are intended to support hypotheses-driven research centred on patients/human participants. The involvement of patients can be at the level of correlations between clinical observations and laboratory or pathology findings, development of improved assessment and outcome tools, or observed effects of specific therapeutic interventions. Applications that do not fulfil these criteria will not be considered.

Amongst applications meeting the above criteria, priority will be given to early career clinical investigators seeking to establish a program, and who belong to groups not already funded for similar projects. (Pre-marketing or post-marketing studies of pharmaceutical agents under patent will not normally be funded). Applicants wishing to discuss the intent of these provisions can do so through the Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au

Allied Health Clinical Project Grants are intended to achieve one or more of the following:

1. Approach a meaningful conclusion in one year.
2. Support investigator initiated clinical projects (as defined above).
3. Assist investigators striving to establish new programs or new directions.
4. Fund initial exploratory research for which external funding will subsequently be sought.
5. Address circumscribed clinical problems of a sort unlikely to attract industry funding.
6. Survey groups of patients to assess the success rate, sequelae, safety or any other aspect of medical or surgical procedures or treatment protocols.
7. Bridge the gap of a year between completions of one external grant and the commencement of another.

Please be advised that if the investigator has submitted the same or a similar titled project grant application to an external funding body and the application is
subsequently successful, the application will be withdrawn from consideration by the RAH Research Committee.

These awards are intended to cover maintenance or minor equipment or to employ professional, technical or clerical staff. They do not fund the salaries/stipends for higher degree students or postdoctoral staff who should instead apply for one of the RAH Research Committee scholarships or fellowships. While minor equipment items may be funded, they should not be the major component of the budget.

Eligibility

Recipients must be employees of CALHN. The research project must be conducted within departments and/or units of the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Those Departments are: Audiology, Clinical Dietetics, Clinical Pharmacology, Clinical Psychology/Neuropsychology, Health Promotion, Clinical Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Orthotics & Prosthetics, Pharmacy, Physical Education, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Social Work and Speech Pathology.

Grants may also be given to support clinically relevant research in collaboration with departments of the University of Adelaide, University of South Australia or Flinders University. In these instances, applications are to be co-sponsored by a Head of Unit/Department/Division who holds an access appointment within the RAH.

Conditions of Award

1. Award of up to $30,000 for one year only. The RAH Research Committee may elect to award a lesser amount.

2. Only one application per Principal Investigator is permitted. Investigators may not apply for other RAH Research Committee awards for the same project.

3. Current Ethics approval specific to the project and Governance approvals are required before commencement of the project and before funding is made available.

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4. Acknowledgement of the support of the RAH Research Committee must be included in any presentation/paper arising from the research. The researcher may be required to give a presentation of their findings if requested by the Committee.

5. Funds must only be expended on direct research costs relating to this project as outlined in your original application. Any unexpended funds will be automatically reclaimed at the beginning of the following year.

6. Funds will be reimbursed in arrears, subject to the receipt of an approved tax invoice and/or reimbursement claim in accordance with SA Health procedures.

7. The recipient is required to provide a written report detailing achievements of the research, publications resulting from the research conducted and whether any subsequent funding was achieved as a result of this award (within six
months of the end of the funding period. A report is required on conclusion of the project.

8. The project must commence as soon as possible, and no later than 1 January 2017.

9. The research is to be undertaken within departments and units of the Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA Pathology, the Hanson Institute Building, or affiliated University Departments operating on the Royal Adelaide Hospital Campus. The researcher agrees to abide by all policies and procedures, confidentiality, OHS&W obligations of these institutions as well as the Australian Research Code of Conduct. https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/r39

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Please use Application Form provided

Your application should address three specific areas:
A) Application
B) Research Proposal
C) Previous Research Activity/Achievements

A. APPLICATION

1. Title Of Proposal

2. Applicant(s)
   Current details: full name, position, current employer, department, address, phone and e-mail.
   Project details: proposed appointment and the department in which the project would be carried out, indicating the number of hours per week devoted to this project.

3. Applications for other Research Support Currently Pending
   List all other applications for this project noting: funding agency, project title, and funds requested. If there are no other applications for this project, please advise why this application is only being made for funds through the RAH Research Committee.

4. Current Research Support
   List current research support funding for each applicant, giving the project title, value of support per annum and the source of funding.

5. Relationship of this Application to Other Funding
   Specify why existing support cannot be utilised to support the research proposed in this application.
6. Ethics and Governance Approvals
   Current Ethics approval specific to the project and Governance approvals are required before commencement of the project
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7. Drugs (if applicable)
   Include the approval status of and detailed information on investigational drugs
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8. Certification
   All applications must have signed certification by the Department/Division Head that appropriate general facilities will be available to the investigator if successful and that the project will be carried out strictly in accordance with NHMRC Ethical and Scientific Practice Guidelines. This may be included within the application or attached as a supporting document.
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9. Scientific Reviewers
   Nominate a minimum of three external scientific reviewers who are competent to review this application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the consent of the nominated external reviewers. Please provide full contact details for each reviewer must be supplied. Referees must not be from the RAH/SA Pathology campus, nor associated with the project, nor have collaborated with the applicant(s) scientifically in the past five years.
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B. RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Note:
- Preference will be given to proposals for early career investigators.
- RAH Research Committee project grants are awarded for one year only.
- The maximum budget which may be applied for is $30,000.
- For projects expected to take two or more years to complete, the proposal must clearly state the aims and expected results for the first year of the project.

1. Purpose of Study (½ page maximum)

2. Aims (½ page maximum)

3. Background and Research Plan (4 pages maximum)
Applicants are reminded this section should include a clear definition of study end points, statistical methods to be used, power calculations and an explanation of the relationship of the study to the applicants’ longer-term research agenda.

4. Statement on Ethical Considerations (½ page maximum)

5. Budget (1 page maximum)
Itemised under the headings: Equipment, Maintenance & Consumables, Salaries

6. Justification Of Budget (½ page maximum)

7. References (1 page maximum)
Asterisk up to 6 key references

8. Analysis & Reporting of Results (1 page maximum)

9. Date of Proposed Commencement

C. PREVIOUS RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS
1. Curriculum Vitae
   A CV should be included with the application. (not exceeding three pages).

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2. Previous Research Support
   List research support funding for the Principal Investigator for the **last four years**, giving the project title, value of support per annum and the source of funding (not exceeding one page).

3. Publication History
   List a maximum of 8 most relevant recent publications per applicant (no abstracts).

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**APPLICATION**

Please use Application Form provided with these guidelines.

Applications that exceed specified limits **will be discarded**.

Please submit your application by email as a searchable pdf file to: 

Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au by the closing date below.

Please do not send hard copies.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5.00 pm, Friday 29th July 2016**

**Email:** Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au

**Phone:** (08) 8222 3839

*You will receive an automatic reply that your application has been received. If you do not receive this please contact the RGO.*