



INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

The value of this grant-in-aid is up to \$50,000

Objectives

These Awards are administered through the RAH Research Committee with the aim of supporting clinically relevant research on the Royal Adelaide Hospital campus by clinical investigators.

Clinical projects are defined as “projects that centre on groups of patients or other human subjects, individuals with informative clinical problems or are physiological or epidemiological in scope”. The involvement of patients can be at the level of correlations between clinical observations and laboratory or pathology findings 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, who belong to groups not already funded for similar projects. Preference will be given to applicants who are proposing research of clinical relevance that was started overseas or interstate, particularly if they are able to demonstrate that they bring innovative research skills to the campus. Collaborations between scientists and clinicians will be encouraged.

Please note that pre marketing or post marketing studies of pharmaceutical agents under patent, and studies using only animal models will not normally be funded under this grant program. Projects may include support for higher degree students. Where a project grant submitted under this program is subsequently awarded external funding (e.g. NHMRC), the RAH Research Committee reserves the right to remove the application for consideration and/or revoke or reduce any awarded funding at the Committee’s discretion.

SPF & PP Funds

The RAH PP (Private Practice) and SPF (Special Purpose Funds) Committee has committed to funding clinical project grants commencing in 2017 to support clinically relevant research on the RAH Campus.

ONLY applications from contributors to the RAH PP SPF will be considered.



Eligibility

These Awards are intended to support research of clinical relevance.

The project must be carried out on the RAH campus.

The investigator should have a proven track record of performing innovative research.

Conditions of Award

1. Award of up to \$50,000 for one year only. The RAH Research Committee may elect to award a lesser amount. The Committee will determine which awards will be distributed as either SPF or PP funded grants or any other awards.
2. Only one application per Principal Investigator is permitted. Investigators may not apply for other RAH Research Committee awards for the same project.
3. **Ethics and Governance approvals are required before commencement of the project and before funding is available.**

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4. The project must commence as soon as possible and **no later than 1 January 2017.**
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Funds will be reimbursed in arrears, subject to receiving an approved tax invoice and/or reimbursement claim in accordance with SA Health procedures.
8. A report is required on conclusion of the project. 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).
9. Research is to be undertaken within departments and units of the Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA Pathology, (including the Hanson Institute building) or affiliated University Departments operating on the Royal Adelaide Hospital Campus, and 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.](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

Checklist

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| 1. Title Of Proposal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Applicant(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current details: full name, position, current employer, department, address, phone and e-mail. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Relationship of this Application to other Funding | |
| Specify why existing support cannot be utilised to support the research proposed in this application. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Ethics and Governance Approvals | |
| <u>Ethics and Governance approvals are required before commencement of the project, and funding is made available.</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 7. Drugs (if applicable) | |
| Include the approval status of and detailed information on investigational drugs (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 must be attached as a supporting document.**

9. Scientific Reviewers

Nominate a minimum of three external scientific referees who are experts in the field of application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the consent of the nominated external reviewers. Please provide full contact details. Referees must not be from the RAH/SA Pathology campus, or associated with the project, nor have collaborated with the applicant(s) scientifically in the past five years.

B. RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Note:

- Preference will be given to proposals for new Investigators.
- RAH Research Committee clinical project grants are awarded for one year only.
- The maximum budget which may be applied for is \$50,000.

1. Purpose of study	(½ page maximum)	
2. Budget Itemised under the headings: Equipment, Maintenance & Consumables, Salaries	(½ page maximum)	
3. Justification Of Budget	(½ page maximum)	
4. Aims	(½ page maximum)	
5. Statement on Ethical Considerations	(½ page maximum)	
6. Background and Research Plan 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.	(3 pages maximum)	
7. References Asterisk up to 6 key references	(1 page maximum)	
8. Analysis & Reporting of Results	(1 page maximum)	
9. Date of Proposed Commencement		



C. PREVIOUS RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **Curriculum Vitae of Principal Investigator**
Include a CV with the application (not exceeding 10 pages)
2. **Previous Research Support**
List research support funding for each Principal Investigator for the **last five years**, giving the project title, value of support per annum and the source of funding (not exceeding one page).
Asterisk the applicant's past support received from the Commissioner for Charitable Funds/HSCGB/RAH/SA Pathology over the past 5 years.
3. **Publication History**
List a maximum of 8 most relevant recent publications per applicant (no abstracts).

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

Please do not send hard copies.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5.00 pm, Friday 15th July 2016

Email: Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au

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