

Award

Subject: **RCPA Foundation Postgraduate Research Fellowship**
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1. Purpose

To foster research and promote academic excellence in the science of pathology.

2. Funding source

RCPA Foundation Fund

3. Value

Typically one award of up to AUD \$25,000 excluding GST.

4. Payments

Usually provided as two payments to a nominated account, one at the commencement of the project and the second 6 months later.

5. Applicant eligibility

- Trainees enrolled with the RCPA; **or**
- Fellows of the RCPA or its Faculties. Preference will be given to Fellows of less than five years standing without substantial funding support.

Applicant must be (or will be) enrolled in a course of study or supervised research leading to the award of a doctorate. Previously successful award recipients may apply for the same award in subsequent years on the condition that they declare (on their application form) that they have previously received this award.

6. Project eligibility

- Research project in any discipline of pathology; **and**
- the project is undertaken in Australia or New Zealand

7. Allowable expenses

- Living expenses
- Travel costs
- Conference costs
- Purchase of equipment and consumables for research

8. Excluded expenses

- Costs incurred prior to awarding of the grant will not be reimbursed
- Expenses attributed to someone other than the applicant

9. Timeline of project

The period of funding is for one year of full-time study commencing within one year of the granting of the Award.

10. Method of application

Applications open 1 February each year.

Submission of single document in electronic format (preferably PDF) by 30 June each year.

Submission document must include:

- Completed Application Form
- Statement of support from Head of Department hosting the research
- Statements of support from two additional Fellows of the College

11. Co-applications for other Awards/Grants

An applicant may only apply to the RCPA Foundation for one award or grant per calendar year.

Concurrent applications to other funding sources are encouraged, and must be detailed in the application, and will not disadvantage an application to the RCPA Foundation.

12. Assessment and Decision

- Calibre of application
- Qualifications and experience of the applicant
- Potential of the applicant for research training
- Feasibility of the study and the likelihood of the project leading to meaningful results
- Relevance of the project to pathology
- The adequacy of support from the supervisor and host research institute
- Referee's reports on the potential of the applicant and the merit of the project

Applications are assessed by the RCPA Foundation Grants Subcommittee, with co-opted expertise from Discipline Advisory Committees as required.

The Award is granted by the RCPA Foundation Board on the advice of the RCPA Foundation Grants Subcommittee.

The RCPA Foundation reserves the right to not make an Award in a given year.

13. Notification

Applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their applications by 30 September in the year in which they applied.

The successful applicant will be invited to attend the Pathology Update Admission of New Fellows and Awards Ceremony in the following year, at which the Award certificate will be presented.

14. Reporting

The applicant must provide a brief progress report (300-500 words) within 12 months of commencing and a final report on completion of the project detailing how the objectives were met.

The applicant must provide a photo and brief non-technical testimonial (300-500 words) within 3 months of concluding the funded activity for use in College promotional materials, including social media.

15. Concessions

The RCPA Foundation Grants Subcommittee may relax or modify these requirements in special circumstances or to avoid hardship to a candidate or recipient of an Award.

16. Suspension

The RCPA Foundation Board may at any time suspend or terminate an Award or require the forfeiture or refund of the Award as the Board may determine, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not diligently pursuing the proposed project or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions under which the Award was granted.

17. Additional Funding

Applicants are required to notify the RCPA Foundation if they are a recipient of other financial grants or have received other sources of funding.

18. Citation and Acknowledgement

The RCPA Foundation must be acknowledged in any presentations or publications arising from this activity.

Applicants are to notify the RCPA Grants Coordinator of any citations which have been published or presented as a result of projects funded by the RCPA Foundation Grants and Awards.

The official wording to acknowledge the RCPA Foundation for grant funding is:

'Dr (name) is a recipient of the Postgraduate Research Fellowship (year) from the RCPA Foundation'