

The ARC RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANT SCHEME Information Sheet and Grant Conditions for 2024

The Australian Respiratory Council (ARC) is seeking to award up to four research grants of up to \$20,000 per grant in 2024.

SCOPE

Grants will be awarded for researchers and scholars undertaking research activities in basic science, clinical and public health research relating to the following themes: (i) infectious lung diseases due to *M. tuberculosis* or other respiratory pathogens, and (ii) chronic respiratory diseases related to environmental factors such as tobacco or bushfire smoke exposure.

PRIORITY AREAS

Preference will be given to projects that: (i) address ARC's priority areas of tuberculosis (TB) and lung health, (ii) improve the health of disadvantaged groups; and (iii) relate to the work of the ARC in Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.

Further information about the work undertaken by the ARC can be found on the website:
<https://www.thearc.org.au>

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed according to the alignment with ARC's research themes and priority areas (listed above), the scientific quality of the application, the capability of the applicant and potential impacts of the proposed work.

The scientific quality of the study will be assessed, including the clarity of the study objectives, the strengths of the study design, feasibility the likely impacts of the proposed research and potential subsequently to attract further funding.

The capability of the applicant will be assessed, based upon the (i) expertise and experience relevant to the proposed project and (ii) the track record over the last 5 years, supported by evidence.

The ARC Research Support Grants will be awarded on the basis of merit, relative to opportunity, following detailed assessment by ARC's Research Committee.

TENURE

The ARC Research Support Grants are tenable for one year and open to researchers across Australia. Projects funded under this scheme must be conducted in the 12 months following the grant award. Grants are tenable in any Australian State or Territory and will be awarded to institutions with appropriate research facilities.

APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The ARC Research Committee will review and assess all applications received by the due date.

Applicants are required to submit the following information on the ARC Research Support Grants Application Form:

- Project title
- The specific aim(s) of the project
- Background information
- A research plan including a detailed budget
- The likely impact of the project, including the potential impact on health and the potential to leverage large scale competitive funding
- The details of the person(s) carrying out the research
- Certification of the willingness of the applicant(s) for ARC to promote community awareness and raise funding through publication of information on ARC's website, social media platforms and general correspondence in the name of the project and/or the presentation of project findings by the researchers.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS THE 1st OCTOBER, 2024
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

The grant application form can be downloaded from the following web link:
<https://www.thearc.org.au/arc-research-support-grants/>.

Applications are to be submitted by email to:
research@thearc.org.au.

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The ARC Research Committee will examine the applications and make a final selection based on perceived merit and the project's reflection of the purpose of these grants.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

A decision on successful applications for ARC Research Support Grants will be made in December, 2024. Applicants will be advised, in writing as soon as possible thereafter.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

If selected, project funding will become available from December, 2024.

Grants are to be administered by the institution where the project will be undertaken.

Successful applicants will be required to actively assist in the promotion of their project with ARC. It is also expected that the research results of all projects will be made available through scientific publication. This is the responsibility of grant recipients.

Publications and presentations should acknowledge that the work was undertaken while in receipt of an ARC Research Support Grant.

It is the responsibility of grant applicants to ensure that all ethical matters relating to their project are dealt with appropriately within their institution. Grants are awarded subject to ethics approval being obtained (where required for the project).

At the conclusion of the project all unexpended funds are to be returned to ARC.

GRANT AMOUNT

Up to \$20,000 for each project, the exact amount will be based on the budget approved for each project. The grant excludes indirect or infrastructure costs.

SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

A mid-point progress report on the outcomes of the project to that point is to be submitted to ARC by the Chief Investigator in June 2025.

A final narrative report on the outcomes of the project and the final expenditure charged against the grant is to be submitted on completion and no later than the 1st March, 2026.

PUBLICATIONS

The Chief Investigator will provide ARC with a copy of all publications emanating from the funded research project.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Where additional funding is obtained for research projects initiated under the ARC Research Support Grant Scheme, ARC requires notification of the funding and funding body.

TERMINATION

A research grant may be terminated by the ARC Board of Directors if the recipient institution and/or the researcher fail to observe the grant conditions or if the ARC Research Committee is dissatisfied with the progress of the project.

PLEASE NOTE

The ARC Research Committee is not able to provide feedback on individual applications.

DISCLAIMER

The ARC will exercise its absolute discretion in the award of these grants and reserves the right not to make any award in any one year. The ARC will not provide feedback or reviewers comments for unsuccessful applications as part of the application process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact ARC's Executive Director, Amanda Christensen by email: arc@thearc.org.au