



## Funding Partners for NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships 2026

### Background

Postgraduate Scholarships may be funded by or in conjunction with other organisations. These grants offer opportunities to researchers whose work is particularly relevant to the priorities and research interests of the partner organisations.

Some funding partners may require a separate application to be provided to them, or may have specific criteria and requirements, in addition to those of NHMRC. Applicants are to contact the funding partner to identify any additional requirements.

For the purposes of the Privacy Act 1988, applicants and other persons whose details appear in grant applications (e.g. other investigators) need to be aware that NHMRC may provide their personal information, including all pertinent application documentation and peer review outcomes, to the funding organisation(s) nominated by the applicant. The purpose of providing this information is to enable potential funding partners to assess the application's eligibility for funding under the funding organisation's policies.

The following organisations are expected to partner with NHMRC in funding grants under this grant opportunity:

- Arrow Foundation
- Australian Academy of Science
- Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists  
Education and Research Foundation
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance
- Diabetes Australia
- Heart Foundation
- MS Australia
- Neuroblastoma Australia

## Arrow Foundation



[www.arrow.org.au](http://www.arrow.org.au)

### **Mission statement:**

Arrow's mission is to improve the quality of life for people having a bone marrow or blood stem cell transplant.

We do this by:

- providing financial assistance, information resources and emotional support to patients, their carers and families
- supporting the education and professional development needs of nurses and other health care professionals working in the transplant field; and
- investing in medical research that improve bone marrow and stem cell transplant patient outcomes

### **Amount, duration, and type of funding:**

Arrow is offering a supplementary scholarship for students commencing a NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship in 2027 (PhD). The scholarship will supplement the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship in an amount of up to 25% of the annual stipend. No other allowances will be paid as part of this scholarship, and this supplementary scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with any other top-up or supplementary allowances. The supplement may be payable up to the end of the student's fourth enrolled year (conditions apply).

### **Aim of funding:**

This medical research scholarship will be in the area of blood diseases treatable by bone marrow and haemopoietic stem cell transplantation. This scholarship is made possible by the ongoing support of the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, a major supporter of Arrow for over 30 years. Applicants must have been awarded an NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship, however, funding for a fundable but not funded application may be considered. This is not an automatic award to all successful NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship recipients and is offered competitively. Arrow reserves the right to decide whether to award Scholarships in any year.

### **Details and requirements for applicants:**

Students must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status. Applicants must submit by email ([rkoller@arrow.org.au](mailto:rkoller@arrow.org.au)) to the CEO (Richelle Koller) the following:

1. one page cover letter, including confirmation that no other top-up allowance is being received
2. university transcript
3. letter of support from PhD supervisor
4. an outline of the proposed research project.

The recipient will be required to submit annual progress reports to Arrow. Arrow requires acknowledgement in any publications or media publicity relating to the supported research. The recipient may also be required to provide assistance with public relations, media, and/or events related to Arrow.

Any further questions may be directed to Arrow's CEO at [rkoller@arrow.org.au](mailto:rkoller@arrow.org.au)

# Australian Academy of Science



## The Douglas and Lola Douglas Scholarship in Medical Science

<https://www.science.org.au/opportunities/research-funding/douglas-and-lola-douglas-scholarship-medical-science>

### **Australian Academy of Science Mission Statement:**

The Australian Academy of Science is an independent organisation of distinguished Australian scientists, championing science for the benefit of all. The Academy's mission is to advance Australia as a nation that embraces scientific knowledge and whose people enjoy the benefits of science.

### **Amount, duration and type of funding:**

The top-up is awarded initially for one year (currently \$7,000 per annum) with funding available for a maximum of two years to a maximum of one awardee per annum. It is awarded on condition that the scholar continues to hold the NHMRC scholarship and is enrolled in a PhD program, and the Academy receives a satisfactory annual report.

The award's purpose is to cover costs of small items of equipment, research materials, travel or research assistance. The funding may not cover bench fees, managerial, insurance or visa costs or go towards stipends.

### **Aim of funding:**

The Douglas and Lola Douglas Scholarship in medical science is made possible through a generous bequest made by Lola Rachel Maude Douglas, a philanthropist with a keen interest in medical research and in supporting young researchers.

This Scholarship is offered as a top-up scholarship to a high-ranked PhD candidate awarded an NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship in one of the areas of Indigenous or Primary Health Care, with preference given by the Academy to the area of Indigenous Health Research. Awardees will be chosen by the Academy from a selection of candidates provided by the NHMRC who apply for the top-up scholarship.

### **Details and requirements for applicants:**

All eligible candidates will be invited to submit online top-up funding applications, which will include a one-page summary of their Postgraduate Scholarship proposal, a brief CV and up to 750 words on how the top-up funding is intended to be used.

Intellectual Property created or developed while holding this award shall be governed by the normal IP policy of the enrolling institution as applied to its students.

Nothing in the award conditions shall have the effect of limiting the ability of a student to present his/her thesis for examination in accordance with the enrolling institution's normal rules and procedures, notwithstanding that it might contain information obtained from work carried out under this award. All publications resulting from work created or developed in the course of this award shall include an acknowledgement of the contribution of the Australian Academy of Science.

Supporting institutes and awardees are required to ensure that any research they undertake that is funded by the Australian Academy of Science adheres to the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#), severe breach of these codes may result in the withdrawal of current and refusal of future funding support. Research involving Indigenous Australians must comply with the [Guidelines for Ethical Research in Australian Indigenous Studies](#)

# Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists Education and Research Foundation



<https://www.anzan.org.au/>

## **Purpose statement:**

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists Education and Research Foundation (ANZAN E&RF), in partnership with the NHMRC, will provide top-up funding to two NHMRC Postgraduate scholars to conduct research in the area of the Neurosciences in Australia or New Zealand. These awards are called the ANZAN E&RF/NHMRC Postgraduate Awards for Excellence.

## **Amount, duration and type of funding:**

The scholarship top-up funding will provide the successful candidate with an additional \$25,000 per year on top of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship stipend, for a maximum of three years. Candidates who are unsuccessful in obtaining NHMRC funding will also be considered. In this case, the stipend will be up to \$50,000 annually for three years.

## **Aim of funding:**

These awards are only open to ANZAN members (all categories). One award is for research undertaken into the causes and cures of dementia, 'The Gwen James Fellowship in Dementia' and the other award is for research undertaken in any area of Neuroscience.

## **Details and requirements for applicants:**

The terms and conditions of these awards accord with those of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships.

ANZAN E&RF's support should be acknowledged in any publications or media publicity arising from the research and each recipient must provide an annual progress report to ANZAN E&RF together with copies of any published research arising from the scholarship. The recipient of the Award will be required to present their research at an ANZAN E&RF Annual Scientific Meeting. Scholars may be called upon to provide assistance with publicity and other events.

For further details please contact ANZAN's Executive Officer (contact details on ANZAN's website) or email [anzan@anzan.org.au](mailto:anzan@anzan.org.au)

## NHMRC Cerebral Palsy Alliance Postgraduate Scholarship



### **Mission statement:**

The Cerebral Palsy Alliance is a ground-breaking, global centre of expertise for cerebral palsy research, advocacy, intervention and assistive technology innovation. As the world's largest private funder of cerebral palsy research, we bring together a powerful alliance of great minds.

For over 80 years, we have been driven by our founders' vision of a future where nothing is impossible for people with cerebral palsy and similar conditions. Today, together with the thousands of Australian families we support, the 50million+ global cerebral palsy community, our 2500+ employees and 150,000+ donors, fundraisers and entrepreneurs, we are contributing to solving the next set of impossibilities.

The Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance offers a range of grants to support research into the **prevention, treatment and cure of cerebral palsy**.

### **Funding:**

The Cerebral Palsy Alliance provides recipients with the opportunity to pursue impactful research in cerebral palsy and to engage directly with Cerebral Palsy Alliance to build research capacity in this field.

Cerebral Palsy Alliance may provide top-up funding to one successful NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship recipient undertaking research in biomedical, clinical health, population health, or assistive technology.

### **Details and requirements for applicants:**

We welcome applicants from diverse backgrounds and disciplines including medicine, allied health, science, and engineering. Proposed research must be competitive, innovative, and focused on improving outcomes for people with cerebral palsy. All projects must be co-designed with people with lived experience of cerebral palsy. The candidate should have a demonstrated commitment to, and track record in cerebral palsy research.

Recipients are required to acknowledge the support of Cerebral Palsy Alliance in all publications, presentations, and media arising from the funded research, and provide copies of any published outputs. The recipient's work may also be featured in Cerebral Palsy Alliance communications.

Further information is available at: <https://cerebralpalsy.org.au/our-research/>  
For enquiries, please email: [researchinstitute@cerebralpalsy.org.au](mailto:researchinstitute@cerebralpalsy.org.au)

## Diabetes Australia



<https://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/research-advocacy/research/>

### **Purpose statement:**

Diabetes Australia is the national organisation supporting all people living with or at risk of diabetes. We work in collaboration with member organisations, people living with diabetes, health professionals, researchers, and the community.

### **Amount, duration and type of funding:**

Diabetes Australia is pleased to offer Postgraduate Scholarship top-ups for outstanding diabetes research. The scholarship will provide up to two successful candidates with up to an additional \$20,000 per year for a maximum of three years.

### **Aim of funding:**

Successful candidates will be outstanding graduates in disciplines relevant to diabetes research with a commitment to a career in diabetes research. We encourage applications from graduates from a diverse range of disciplines, including those with a Medical, Allied Health or Science background. Diabetes Australia focuses on all diabetes types and is dedicated to reducing health inequities and addressing needs of priority populations at greater risk of diabetes including: -

- Socioeconomically disadvantaged
- Regional, rural and remote
- Culturally and linguistically diverse
- First Nations People
- People living with a disability and/or comorbidities
- Youth, Older people and Pregnancy

### **Details and requirements for applicants:**

Diabetes Australia requires acknowledgment in any publications or media publicity relating to the supported research. We also require a final report and may call upon scholars to provide assistance with public relation activities.

Any further questions may be directed to Diabetes Australia Research at:  
[research@diabetesaustralia.com.au](mailto:research@diabetesaustralia.com.au)

## Heart Foundation Top-Up Funding



<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/>

### **Vision Statement:**

The National Heart Foundation of Australia (Heart Foundation) is a charitable organisation dedicated to tackling heart disease, the leading cause of death and disability in Australia. Our vision is that by 2050, heart health will be achievable by everyone in Australia. Research is at the heart of our vision. For more than 60 years, we have funded the highest-impact research to prevent heart disease, improve treatments, and create healthier communities. Despite progress, heart disease still affects one in six Australians and causes one in four deaths. Our goal is to fund research that advances prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease to transform heart health for future generations.

### **Funding:**

The Heart Foundation offers top-up stipends to applicants who are successful for both the Heart Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship and the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship. We support scholarships in the areas of biomedical, clinical, public health and health services research. To be eligible to receive top-up funding, an applicant must submit a separate application for each scholarship, with the same commencement date and must indicate in their Heart Foundation application where requested that they have applied for an NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship.

### **Details and requirements for applicants:**

The successful scholar(s) will be required to provide progress reports to the Heart Foundation throughout their scholarship, and an impact report post-scholarship. The Heart Foundation may also call upon scholars to provide assistance with peer review, publicity and other events related to their research. Scholars are required to acknowledge the Heart Foundation support for their research in any publications, media or social media publicity and provide details of all publications arising from the supported research to the Heart Foundation, including copies where possible or upon request.

Please note that the Heart Foundation requires that individuals, research groups or research institutions receiving top-up funds must not accept any research grant funds, consultancies or sponsorship from the tobacco industry or any person connected with the tobacco industry.

Further information is available from

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/research/research-funding/research-funding-application>

## NHMRC/MS Australia Scholarship



<https://www.msaustralia.org.au/>

MS Australia is the largest Australian not-for-profit organisation dedicated to funding, coordinating, educating and advocating for MS research as part of the worldwide effort to solve MS.

MS Australia, in partnership with the NHMRC welcomes applicants to apply for a postgraduate scholarship top-up award for outstanding graduates looking to complete a PhD in MS research at an Australian Institution. The NHMRC/MS Australia Postgraduate Scholarship will provide a maximum of two successful candidates with up to an additional \$10,000 per year on top of the NHMRC stipend for a maximum of three years. It is awarded on condition that the scholar continues to hold the NHMRC scholarship and provides MS Australia with satisfactory annual reports.

Successful candidates will be outstanding graduates in disciplines relevant to MS research with a commitment to a career in MS research. We encourage applications from graduates from a diverse range of disciplines, including those with a medical, allied health or science backgrounds. The focus of the applicant's research must lead to a better understanding of MS, its causes, symptoms or management.

To be considered for top-up funding, applicants must **ALSO submit an application to MS Australia**. Additional information, including conditions of funding, application form and MS Australia closing dates can be found at <https://www.msaustralia.org.au/annual-funding-opportunities>

Recipients must acknowledge MS Australia's support in all publications or media outputs arising from the funded research, and provide MS Australia with a copy of any resulting published articles.

Scholars may also be called upon to assist with publicity, outreach or other events.

# Neuroblastoma Australia



**Neuroblastoma  
Australia**

<https://www.neuroblastoma.org.au/>

## **Purpose statement:**

Neuroblastoma Australia's mission to support research to making treatments more effective, more specific and less toxic. Our belief is that all children have the right to grow up, and by investing in research today we will save the lives of children in the future.

## **Amount, duration, and type of funding:**

Neuroblastoma Australia, in partnership with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), is offering top-up funds to one successful NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship candidate. Neuroblastoma top-up funds will be in addition to the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship stipend.

## **Aim of funding:**

The additional financial support from Neuroblastoma Australia aims to further opportunities for an outstanding Australian graduate with a strong interest in neuroblastoma research to conduct research that is internationally competitive and to develop their capacity for original, independent research.

## **Details and requirements for applicants:**

To be eligible for Neuroblastoma Australia supported top-up funds, the proposed research projects must be highly relevant and contribute to Neuroblastoma Australia's mission.

It is expected that Neuroblastoma Australia will be acknowledged in all publications, presentations and media relating to the supported research, and will receive a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research.

The successful scholar will also be expected to provide annual updates on their project to Neuroblastoma Australia and may be called upon for assistance with publicity and other events.

For more information about Neuroblastoma Australia, please contact:

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