

2006

GESA – Awards Scholarships & Fellowships

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INTRODUCTION

The Research Committee of the Gastroenterological Society of Australia invites applications for scholarships to be awarded in 2006 for 2007.

The Research Committee recommends the scholarships on the basis of the research excellence of the applicant.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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SUBMISSION DATES

2006

30 June, Grant-in-Aid

30 June, Fellowships & Career Development Award

31 August, Scholarships

2007

28 February, Grant-in-Aid

Acknowledgement of Sponsors

Many of the awards have been made available through the generosity of corporate sponsors.

The Society wishes to acknowledge the valuable contribution of the following companies:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility

Applicants must show evidence of commitment to a research career, within Australia, in health and disease related to the broad field of gastroenterology, hepatology and related disorders.

Place of Tenure

Awards are designed specifically for use within Australia, or as otherwise specified.

Nationality

Applicants must be Australian citizens or hold permanent Australian resident status.

Career Stage

The majority of awards are designed for candidates at an early stage in their careers.

Supporting Documentation

Applicants must check the conditions for each award to ensure that they have submitted the required supporting documentation.

Special Requirements

Intending applicants should note any special requirements outlined under the description of each award.

AWARD CATEGORIES FOR 2006

Altana Pharma Postgraduate Research Fellowship

AstraZeneca Career Development Award

AstraZeneca Grant-in-Aid Awards

GESA Postgraduate Research Clinical Scholarship

GESA Postgraduate Medical Research Scholarship

GESA Postgraduate Biomedical Research Scholarship

Conditions

Unless otherwise stated, the awards outlined should be taken up in the year for which they are awarded.

In general all awards will be paid to the administering institution, not to the individual applicant.

Successful applicants will be expected to spend the major part of the time in an institution, nominated by the applicant, which has been approved by the Research Committee.

The Research Committee will require confirmation of the applicant's acceptance by this institution before making an award.

All arrangements with the nominated institution are the responsibility of the applicant.

Any publications arising from work conducted during the term of the award shall acknowledge that the work was carried out during the tenure of a fellowship, scholarship or grant awarded by the Gastroenterological Society of Australia.

The holder is required to use the award for the specific project for which it was awarded.

Successful applicants are required to present research work originating from the award on at least one occasion at Australian Gastroenterology Week prior to completion of the award.

Payment of the award shall be made in such a manner as the Society deems appropriate.

A fellowship, scholarship or award may be revoked at any time upon three months notice given by the Society.

Unless the purpose and conditions of an award can be fulfilled, it must be forfeited and all payments refunded.

No variations in the above conditions are permissible without the express authorisation of the Research Committee.

Extension of Tenure

Extensions of tenure will only be granted under extreme circumstances.

Taxation

The Society suggests that recipients seek advice from the Australian Tax Office in regard to the taxation implication of awards.

Relations with Award Sponsors

The Society endeavours to promote relationships between sponsors and recipients of awards.

Those who receive awards are expected to assist with this activity:

- By writing to express thanks to the sponsor;
- By co-operating in activities organised by the Society to publicise the award; and
- By writing personally to the sponsor on completion of the award to advise that the term of the award has been completed and how the award has assisted their career.

With the exception of the letters of thanks, all correspondence with sponsors should be directed to the Society.

Patents and Intellectual Property

Holders of GESA Fellowships or Scholarships must immediately notify the Society of any patentable discoveries, inventions, processes or improvements arising out of research during the tenure of the Fellowship or Scholarship.

Subject to the next paragraph, all discoveries and inventions arising from the Fellowship or Scholarship 'New IP' will be owned jointly by the administering organisation and the Society in equal shares.

All improvements or accretions made in the course of the Fellowship or Scholarship to the administering organisation's pre-existing Intellectual Property will be owned by the administering organisation.

The protection and commercialisation of New IP, and the distribution of income derived there from, will be negotiated between the administering organisation and the Society in good faith on reasonable commercial terms.

Termination

The Research Committee may, at anytime on giving notice, terminate the award under the following circumstances:

- If, in the opinion of the Committee, the research for which the award was approved is not being carried out with competence, diligence and scientific honesty; or
- If, in the opinion of the Committee, sufficient monies are not, or will not be available to continue existing awards; or
- With six months notice on the grounds of permanent incapacity, inefficiency or misconduct (including scientific misconduct or fraud), or failure to conduct the research in accordance with the NHMRC Statement on Human Experimentation, the NHMRC Statement on Scientific Practice, the Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Experimental Purposes, or the NHMRC policy on the use of non-human primates in medical research www.nhmrc.gov.au on the part of the applicant, provided that prior to terminating any grant, the Council of the Society will investigate the grounds for termination and consult with the Research Committee and the Head of the relevant Institution.

The recipient will be informed in writing stating the grounds for the termination and, if they wish, they may submit a response in writing relating to the matter.

In any of the above circumstances, the Research Committee may, in lieu of terminating the scholarship, suspend or vary the conditions.

If the Research Committee exercises its power to terminate a scholarship in any of the above circumstances, it may take such action, as it deems necessary.

Upon termination, any monies already paid and not expended shall be refunded to the Society.

Privacy

Copies of applications will be provided to members of the Research Committee who are members of the Society involved in the assessment process. All such recipients of applications undertake to use the information therein for the purpose stated and not for any other purpose.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Seek advice

Intending applicants are strongly advised to discuss their plans with their supervisor in order to obtain appropriate advice prior to submitting the application.

Assess Eligibility

Applicants should assess their eligibility by referring to the conditions for the award.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted on the official form (faxed copies are not eligible) Relevant forms are downloadable from: www.gesa.org.au.

Completed forms should be submitted by the required closing date to the:

Gastroenterological Society of Australia
145 Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

The Application Form

All detail is to be provided in the relevant box.
All dates are to be in day, month, and year format
(eg 1 Jan 2006)

Attachments (where applicable)

- Evidence of Australian residency status.
- Certification of medical/professional registration in Australia.
- Required clearances from ethics committees.
- An academic transcript.
- Budget outline.

Applicants who have overseas degrees should have these accredited by the Department of Education, Science and Technology. If this is not completed at the time of application then both the /head of Department and the Head of the Institution should certify that the degree in question is authentic and accreditation will be undertaken by the Department of Education, Science and Technology.

Additional Reports

The applicant is responsible for providing a full copy of the completed application, with the relevant blank report form, to the supervisor at the proposed institution.

The completed form must be included with the application.

Clarification of Specific Questions on the Application Form

Requested Scholarship Tenure

If already enrolled for the higher degree for which scholarship support is sought, reduce the period of support requested by the period of equivalent full-time pre-enrolment up to December 2006.

Australian Residency

If applicable, a copy of the appropriate certificate must be enclosed.

Current Qualifications/Professional Registration

Indicate your current qualifications and attach copies of certificates if necessary

Medical applicants must provide a copy of current registration in an Australian State or Territory.

Title of Proposed Study

The title should describe what you want to achieve in your research training (the maximum number of characters is 112 including spaces).

Administering Institution

The full name and full address of the institution responsible for administering the grant must appear here.

While there may be instances where the research is carried out in more than one location, there can be only one administering institution for each award,

Summarise Undergraduate Performance

Do not include a full C.V (unless requested) but do include an official academic transcript and the institutional key grading system used, as an attachment at the end of the application. In addition, formally list University medals and non-University prizes.

Research Experience

Where the applicant has completed a research-orientated/degree based degree such as Honours, Masters or B.MedSci etc, they should indicate the duration, amount of research compared with coursework and whether it was full-time, part-time and/or concurrent with another degree.

Publications

The applicant's publications should be listed as:

- Refereed journal articles
(indicate clearly whether published or in the press)
- Other articles, reviews, book chapters etc.
- Published Abstracts.
- Case Reports.
- Patents
- Refereed journal articles in which the work of the applicant is acknowledged.

Please use the format shown below and include all authors, full title, journals, volume, first and last page numbers, and the date of publication.

Example

Bloogs A, Smith B, Applicant, Jones D. Studies on how best to get a Scholarship. J Appl Sci 10: 1-15 (2005)

Career Chronology

Please provide a summary of complete career chronology from beginning of tertiary studies: include all periods of employment and courses of training or study, and indicate full or part-time (F/T, P/T) beside the year.

Research Project, Aims, Background, Proposed Research Program, Significance, References.

The proposed research program, including references, should not exceed the two pages provided in the form. The proposal should be made up of Aims, Background, Proposed Research Program (briefly mention proposed technologies), a statement concerning the significance of the proposal, and References (a few critical references only-journal references, no titles).

Additional Report: Supervisor for the Project

The supervisor is to complete the form provided in the application package. The form must be returned with the application.

Signatures

The application is invalid without the signature of the applicant. Additionally, the application will not be considered without the signatures of the intended supervisor, Head of department and head of administering institution.

The Society accepts as the Head of Institutions the Registrars of Universities or university research offices, the Directors of Independent Institutes, and the Managers/Secretaries or Medical Superintendents of Hospitals.

Clearance Requirements

Detailed instructions regarding ethics clearance requirements, including species listings, categories of animal experiments, description of the ethical implications of human/animal experimentation, are available from the NHMRC website www.nhmrc.gov.au

Please note: Funds for awards will not be released by the Society until all clearances are submitted.