ARROW– HAWKESBURY CANOE CLASSIC PhD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation (Arrow) is offering a supplementary scholarship for students commencing a NH&MRC Postgraduate Scholarship in 2017 (PhD).

Students must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status.

This biomedical research scholarship will be in the area of human leukaemia and haemopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Arrow is a small charitable organisation initially established to support bone marrow transplant patients at St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney. Arrow now supports research into the cause, prevention, treatment and cure of leukaemia and other diseases treated by using bone marrow and stem cell therapy.

Arrow also assists patients and their families with a range of patient support services.

Information on current scholarship recipients can be found on our website www.arrow.org.au

This scholarship is made possible by the ongoing support of the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, a major supporter of Arrow for over 20 years.

The PhD scholarship will supplement NH&MRC Postgraduate Scholarship recipients (commencing in 2017) from the base stipend rate up to an amount equal to the base stipend rate of the NHMRC Medical/Dental Postgraduate Scholarship.

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 4th enrolled year (conditions apply).

Applicants must have submitted and been successful in an application for a NH&MRC Postgraduate Scholarship (PhD).

This is not an automatic award to all successful NH&MRC Postgraduate Scholarship recipients and is offered competitively. Arrow reserves the right to decide whether to award scholarships in any year.

Applicants should submit by email to the CEO (Robyn Flood - rflood@arrow.org.au), 1 copy each of:

1. One page cover letter, including confirmation that no other top up allowance is being received;
2. copy of NH&MRC Postgraduate Scholarship confirmation;
3. university transcript;
4. a letter of support from PhD supervisor, and
5. an outline of the proposed research project.
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. It is awarded initially for one year (currently $7,000 per annum) with funding available for a maximum of two years. 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.

Awardees will be chosen by the Academy from a selection of candidates provided by NHMRC who fulfil these criteria.

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.
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 (2) NHMRC Post-graduate Scholars to conduct research in the area of the Neurosciences in Australia or New Zealand. These awards are called the ANZAN E&RF/NHMRC Post-graduate Awards for Excellence.

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.

The Scholarship top-up funding will provide the successful candidate with an additional $16,666 per year on top of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship stipend, for a maximum of 3 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 3 years.

The terms and conditions of these awards accord with those of the NHMRC Post-Graduate 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 and we may call upon scholars 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
Cancer Australia is offering ‘top-up’ funding to NHMRC Postgraduate Scholars to promote research into gynaecological or lung cancer. Cancer Australia/NHMRC Scholarships provide an opportunity to improve the care and support for people diagnosed with cancer, their carers and families, through the translation of research findings for the management of gynaecological and lung cancer.

While applications across the continuum of care for gynaecological and lung cancer management are invited, areas of special interest for Cancer Australia are:

- Promotion of evidence-based care through adoption of clinical best practice recommendations
- Follow-up, supportive care and quality of life during and/or following treatment
- Multidisciplinary care

**Gynaecological cancers**

In 2016, an estimated 5,683 women were expected to be diagnosed with a gynaecological cancer in Australia, accounting for 9.7% of all new cancers in women, an average of 31 women diagnosed every two days\(^1\). Uterine cancer is estimated to be the most commonly diagnosed gynaecological cancer in 2017, followed by ovarian cancer and cervical cancer\(^2\). As a result of the ageing and growing population, the number of women diagnosed with ovarian, uterine and cervical cancer is expected to increase. It is estimated that in 2020, 1,640 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer; 2,830 women will be diagnosed with uterine cancer; and 915 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer\(^3\).

In 2016, an estimated 1,743 women were expected to die from gynaecological cancer in Australia, accounting for 8.6% of all cancer deaths in women, with an average of 5 deaths per day\(^1\). Ovarian cancer is estimated to be the most common cause of gynaecological cancer deaths in 2017 (1,047 deaths), followed by uterine cancer (453 deaths) and cervical cancer (254 deaths)\(^2\). Incidence and mortality for uterine and cervical is also higher in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than in non-Indigenous Australians.\(^2\)

The five-year relative survival (2009-2013) varied for the individual gynaecological cancer types – 83% for uterine cancer, 72% for cervical cancer and 44% for ovarian cancer\(^2\). While the survival rate for ovarian cancer has improved significantly in recent years, it still remains low in comparison with other gynaecological cancers.

**Lung Cancer**

Lung cancer represents the fourth most commonly diagnosed cancer in men and women
and the fifth most commonly diagnosed cancer overall\textsuperscript{2}. It is projected that in 2017, there will be 12,434 new cases of lung cancer diagnosed\textsuperscript{3} with an estimated 13,640 people expected to be diagnosed with lung cancer in Australia by 2020\textsuperscript{3}.

In 2017, lung cancer is estimated to be the most common cause of cancer death for men and women, with 9,021 deaths overall accounting for 18.9 per cent of all cancer deaths\textsuperscript{2}. Survival rates remain poor, with on average only 16 per cent of people with lung cancer surviving five years beyond their diagnosis, compared with 68 per cent for all cancers combined between 2009 and 2013\textsuperscript{3}. Evidence indicates that cancer incidence and mortality increases with decreasing socio-economic status, and with increasing remoteness. Lung cancer incidence and mortality is also higher in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than in non-Indigenous Australians\textsuperscript{2}.

References:


Contacts at Cancer Australia are available to discuss prospective TRIP Scholarships in Gynaecological or Lung Cancer.

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The Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance may support one Postgraduate Scholarship in the areas of biomedical, clinical or population health, in partnership with the NHMRC. The Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance offers a range of grants to support research into the prevention and cure of cerebral palsy. More information can be gained about the research priorities on their website: https://research.cerebralpalsy.org.au/our-work/our-researcher-program/research-priorities/

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to and track record in, cerebral palsy research.

The NHMRC Cerebral Palsy Alliance Postgraduate Scholarship offers the recipient an opportunity to pursue their interest in cerebral palsy research, to acquire knowledge and skills from other cerebral palsy researchers and professionals, and to seek assistance from the Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance with any aspect of their work.

The Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance may call upon the successful candidate to provide assistance with publicity, education and other events. It also requires acknowledgment of its support for the research in any publications or media publicity, and requires a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research. The successful candidate’s work may be mentioned in publications from the Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance.
Top-up funding opportunity for graduates interested in diabetes research.

Diabetes Australia, in partnership with the NHMRC is pleased to offer postgraduate scholarship top-ups for outstanding diabetes research. The NHMRC / Diabetes Australia Postgraduate Award will provide up to three successful candidates with up to an additional $20,000 per year for a maximum of three years.

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

Diabetes Australia is the national body for people affected by all types of diabetes and those at risk. We are committed to reducing the impact of diabetes.
JDRF Australia, in partnership with the NHMRC will fund up to three NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship Top-Ups per year for research relevant to JDRF’s mission – the treatment, prevention and cure of type 1 diabetes and its complications.

The Scholarship Top-Up will provide the successful candidate with an additional $6,000 per year, on top of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship stipend.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to research focused on type 1 diabetes or type 1 diabetes complications.

JDRF requires acknowledgment in any publications or media publicity relating to the supported research, and requires a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research. It also requires an annual progress report. JDRF may call upon scholars to provide assistance with publicity and other events.
The Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia is offering a scholarship for a PhD student in the areas of biomedical, clinical or public health, in partnership with the NHMRC. The successful applicant will have a commitment to research directly related to the cause, treatment or cure of motor neurone disease, or the support of people living with motor neurone disease.

The MND Research Institute of Australia requires acknowledgment of its support for the research in any publications or media publicity, and requires a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research. It also requires an annual progress report. The MND Research Institute may call upon scholars to provide assistance with publicity and other events.
The mission of Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia is to accelerate Australian research into multiple sclerosis (MS) toward the prevention, better treatments and a cure for MS.

MS Research 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 Research Australia Betty Cuthbert Postgraduate Award 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 Research 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 co-funding, applicants must ALSO submit an application to MS Research Australia. Additional information, including conditions of funding, application form and MS Research Australia closing dates can be found at http://www.msra.org.au/annual-funding-opportunities

MS Research Australia requires acknowledgment of its support for the research in any publications or media publicity, and requires a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research. MS Research Australia may call upon scholars to provide assistance with publicity and other events.
The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF), in partnership with NHMRC, will support NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship Top-Ups in health and medical research relevant to NBCF’s mission – the pursuit for new knowledge in the prevention and cure of breast cancer. The Scholarship Top-Ups will provide the successful candidates with an additional $6,000 per year, on top of the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship stipend.

The NHMRC/NBCF Postgraduate Scholarship aims to provide an opportunity for outstanding Australian medical graduates with a strong interest in breast cancer research to be trained to conduct research that is internationally competitive and to develop a capacity for original independent research.

NBCF requires acknowledgment of its support for the research in any publications or media publicity, and requires a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research. It also requires an annual progress report. NBCF may call upon scholars to provide assistance with publicity and other events.
The National Heart Foundation of Australia is offering to co-fund scholarships in the areas of biomedical, clinical, public health or health services research, in partnership with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). Applicants must have a commitment to research on cardiovascular disease or related disorders.

To be eligible for this co-funded award, applicants must submit a separate application for a Heart Foundation Australian Indigenous Scholarship OR Health Professional Scholarship. Applicants must be successful in their application for both the Heart Foundation scholarship, awarded through the Heart Foundation peer review process, and the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship, awarded through the NHMRC peer review process.

The successful scholar(s) may be required to provide updates on their work to the Heart Foundation throughout their scholarship.

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

The Heart Foundation may 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 or media publicity, and provide a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research.
The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) is committed to developing vital research in health and social policies which deliver improvements to the wellbeing of patients. Together the NHMRC and the RACP are collaborating to support the top young clinical researchers with an Award for Excellence, as part of a shared commitment to nurture the next generation of medical researchers.

Successful applicants, who are Fellows or trainees of the RACP, will receive $10,000 per annum from the College, through the RACP Foundation, in addition to their NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship, for up to three years.

For 2017 there will be a minimum of four RACP NHMRC Awards for Excellence in any of the specialty areas of the College, one RACP P&CHD NHMRC Award for Excellence in the field of paediatrics and two RACP Jacquot NHMRC Awards for Excellence specifically for nephrology. The RACP Jacquot NHMRC Awards for Excellence are funded from a legacy from Lorraine Jacquot. The RACP Jacquot NHMRC Awards for Excellence will be administered jointly by the RACP and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrologists.

Recipients of these Scholarships must abide by the RACP Terms and Conditions as published on the RACP website. The RACP may call upon scholars to provide assistance with publicity and other events.
Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation, in partnership with the NHMRC is offering NHMRC Post Graduate Scholarships. Proposed research projects must be relevant to the Foundation’s vision of finding a cure in time for children battling Sanfilippo Syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis III) today, and those born with it tomorrow.

The Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation is particularly interested in three focus areas:

- **Halt disease progression** through therapies such as enzyme replacement, gene therapy and cell therapy and strategies to enhance the effectiveness of such emerging therapies
- **Repair and reverse the cell damage** caused by Sanfilippo which could include the application of neuroregeneration advances made for other neuro-degenerative diseases
- **Improve quality of life** through palliative care and symptom management specific to Sanfilippo Syndrome

Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation aims to support promising health and medical researchers early in their careers to build next generation capability in the Sanfilippo field of research. Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation requires acknowledgment in all publications, presentations and media relating to the supported research, and requires a copy of any published articles arising from the supported research.

The successful scholarship awardee must provide annual updates on their project to the Sanfilippo Children’s Foundation and may be called upon for assistance with publicity and other events.