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7. Types of applicant

7.1 Co-funded Postgraduate Scholarships

NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship offer co-funding opportunities with several organisations. The most current information is available on the NHMRC website:

These Postgraduate Scholarships are offered through co-funding partnerships established between NHMRC and each partner organisation. They offer additional opportunities to researchers whose work is particularly relevant to the concerns and research interests of the partner organisations.

Co-funded scholarships are offered alongside other Postgraduate Scholarships. The evaluation and ranking of an application by NHMRC is entirely independent of any assessment made by co-funding partners. These are not alternative awards but may have additional financial value compared to other Postgraduate Scholarships.

For the purposes of the *Privacy Act 1988* (refer to *section 9.5* of the *NHMRC Funding Rules 2017* for more detail), applicants (and other persons whose details appear in grant applications, e.g. other investigators) should be aware that if they indicate they wish to be considered for co-funding, NHMRC will provide their personal information, including all pertinent application documentation and peer review outcomes, to the co-funding body or bodies nominated by the applicant. The purpose of providing this information to the co-funder(s) is to enable them to assess the application's eligibility for funding under the relevant co-funding arrangement.

Further information on co-funding partners' research interests and priorities may be found on the NHMRC website.

In the event that a co-funder is unable to fulfil their obligation, NHMRC will continue to support the scholarship at the normal stipend rate for the sub-category of the scholarship awarded. Any additional benefits that may have been provided by the co-funding partner will not be supported by NHMRC.

Note: some co-funding organisations may require a separate application in addition to the one provided to NHMRC, and therefore it may be beneficial for applicants to contact the co-funding organisation to identify any additional requirements that might apply.

7.2 Electromagnetic Energy Research

Electromagnetic Energy (EME) research has been identified by the NHMRC as a special interest area for Postgraduate Scholarship. Successful applications will be funded through the Australian Government's levy on radio communication license fees. NHMRC will consider EME research applications in the Medical/Dental and Public Health streams only.

The aim is to build capacity in research knowledge to ascertain the health effects of electromagnetic emissions.

Applicants that select EME funding in a Postgraduate Scholarship application should be aware of the 2010 World Health Organisation (WHO) Research Agenda for Radio Frequency Fields. Applicants must review this agenda to determine if their application falls within the scope (refer to page 7 of the WHO document). NHMRC, will confirm that the application falls within the scope of the WHO research agenda. Applications that do not meet the policy parameters will be considered for NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship funding only.

7.3 Other Scholarships

7.3.1 Gustav Nossal Postgraduate Scholarship

Each year the highest ranked Medical/Dental Postgraduate Scholarship applicant will be awarded the Gustav Nossal Postgraduate Scholarship.

This award is named after Sir Gustav Joseph V. Nossal who was the Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research and Professor of Medical Biology at the University of Melbourne. Sir Gustav Nossal is distinguished for contributions to the fields of antibody formation and immunological tolerance.

Note: This Scholarship does not provide any additional funding to the Postgraduate Scholarship package.

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