



RM GIBSON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

AIM

The aim of the RM Gibson Research Fund is to support beginning researchers further their careers in gerontological research. There are up to three grants of approximately \$5-6000 each, to a total of \$15,000, will be made to members of the Association for the purpose of medical scientific research.

'Medical Research' includes any project undertaken by a person practising in the field of gerontology. Research projects must be related directly to issues or disorders associated with ageing.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

1. Applicants must be members of the Australian Association of Gerontology at the time of applying for a grant. Intending applicants who are not members should apply for membership immediately.
2. The grants are intended to support new researchers at the beginning or in the first five years of their careers, but there is no age limit.
3. Undergraduates are not eligible.
4. The grant may contribute to a larger project on which the applicant is working as a member of a research team.
5. The availability of supervision for the researcher will be taken into account .
6. Awards can only be made to Australian residents.

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EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be assessed by the Committee against the following criteria:

1. The applicant's perceived ability to conduct the research successfully.
2. Quality of proposal (grasp of literature, adequacy of background etc.)
3. The conceptualisation of the project.
4. Originality.
5. Substance and relevance of issues to be investigated.
6. Appropriateness of methodology.
7. Adequacy of explanation of methodology and of analyses to be undertaken.
8. Feasibility and likelihood of completion within the budget sought.
9. Value for money.
10. Significance of the project in furthering the aims of the RM Gibson Research Fund by way of contributing to the development of gerontology and geriatric medicine in Australia.

SCOPE OF SUPPORT

1. Salaries, equipment and materials, computing charges and other expenses must be specific to the project.
2. Support services normally expected to be provided by the applicant's institution will not be funded.
3. Grants are paid in a single amount.
4. The Committee may approve a grant for an amount less than the full budget sought.
5. Only one grant will be made for any project, but projects for which support is sought may be part of a larger project.
6. Support is not normally provided for travel.

DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

1. Results of the research project will be submitted as a final report to the Committee.
2. Grantees who are able to attend the Annual Conference of the Association will be given a free registration and will be required to present a paper or poster on the results of their project.
3. Submission of a paper reporting on the project to the *Australasian Journal on Ageing* is encouraged, with publication subject to refereeing.

APPLICATIONS

1. Closing date – June 30, 2009.
2. Applications are made on RM GIBSON RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORMS which can be downloaded from the AAG website or obtained by contacting:
The Honorary Secretary
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3. Grants will be announced at the AAG's Annual General Meeting Annual Conference of the AAG.

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