

The Barnett Early Parenting Research and Collaboration Grant

Terms of Reference



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Description

The *Barnett Early Parenting Research and Collaboration Grant* ('Grant') is made possible thanks to a generous long-term donation from Dr Bryanne Barnett AM to support a longitudinal research project that measures outcomes in early parenting.

The Grant is administered by the RANZCP Foundation and is available bi-nationally in Australia and New Zealand to eligible members.

The Grant is aimed at supporting work in a research or service evaluation program that can lead to practice changes in community and clinical settings to ensure that children have the best start in life.

Beginning from conception or pregnancy to the start of school (i.e., the first 2000 days), the supported research program will be longitudinal in design, but the initial funding period of up to three (3) years will have a particular focus on the period from pregnancy to two years of age of the child.

The research undertaken may include utilising existing research data that has already been collected, if it leads to positive and measurable outcomes.

Applicants are encouraged to apply who work or train on a part-time basis, are on or are returning from parental leave, a break in training, or undertaking another form of leave including carers/family leave.

An applicant may apply to use the Grant for either stipend support, research costs, or a combination of both depending on what support they require to undertake the research project.

One grant recipient will receive up to A\$50,000 annually for an initial three (3) years. Subject to satisfactory progress, an additional two (2) years of A\$50,000 annual funding may be made available at the discretion of the RANZCP Foundation. The maximum Grant period is a total of five (5) years from the date of award of the initial Grant.

Grant objectives

Proposed projects from Grant applicants should address at least one of the following objectives:

1. increasing collaboration across academic disciplines, health and community services to better integrate mental health aspects during pregnancy and early childhood with social determinants of health;
2. developing innovative service models and interventions that support continuity of care and better co-ordination among services, including government and non-government, and among settings from community and primary to secondary and specialist services;
3. achieving clearly defined outcomes covering maternal/parental mental health, child health and

development, and social care needs of the family; or

4. focusing on culturally and linguistically diverse groups, or those living in regional/rural/remote areas.

Eligibility criteria

An applicant for the Grant must be either a current:

1. RANZCP advanced trainee or early career psychiatrist (up to five years post-Fellowship), with a preference for supporting PhD or higher research degree applicants for this Grant.

Applicants under this category must:

- a. clearly demonstrate that they are receiving the necessary support from their research team and institution in undertaking this work, or that they are receiving mentorship or supervision to support their work and career development.
 - b. provide a five-year plan of their career intentions to ensure their commitment and suitability for the intended research project.
2. RANZCP member who is at any career stage and is one of the lead researchers in a research team, provided that the research team's work meets the stated goals and objectives of the Grant.
 3. RANZCP member working in private practice, provided they can demonstrate that they have access to mentorship, team support and infrastructure to support their project.

An applicant must be working within either a well-resourced institutional or university research team that can extend projects longitudinally or have access to existing longitudinal cohorts or data. RANZCP members working in private practice will need to demonstrate how they are supported by an administering institution, such as a health service, hospital, or university.

Any applicant must also:

- be in good standing with the RANZCP; and
- have approval from a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) registered Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) to carry out their research or provide evidence of a pending application for HREC approval from their administering institution such as a health service, hospital, or university, and then subsequently provide evidence of their approved application at a later time.

Research must be performed at least partly in Australia or New Zealand, and commencement may not be deferred.

Previously supported Grant recipients will be eligible to re-apply for further Grant support, but any decision will be subject to a further reassessment by the RANZCP Foundation selection panel.

Permitted uses

The permitted uses of the Grant funds by the recipient may include either:

- stipend support; or
- research costs; or
- a combination of both stipend and research costs.

Any application for the Grant must submit a detailed and itemised budget proposal as part of their application for assessment by the RANZCP selection panel.

Form of award

The Grant includes:

- Up to A\$50,000 in annual funding for an initial period of three (3) years
- a framed certificate
- an invitation to attend the College Ceremony held at the annual College Congress.
- An additional two (2) years of A\$50,000 annual funding may be subsequently made available at the discretion of the RANZCP Foundation

The Grant:

- will not be awarded in a given year if no suitable applications are received
- will be formally conferred at the College Ceremony the following May
- funding will be paid in part up front, with later instalments subject to satisfactory progress reports provided to the RANZCP Foundation
- must not be used to cover any costs beyond those set out in the Grant application as approved by the RANZCP, including travel costs associated with receiving the award at any College event.

Frequency

Applications for the Grant will open during the annual RANZCP awards and grants program.

Grant terms

The successful Grant recipient will be required to enter into an agreement with both the RANZCP and their administering institution such as a health service, hospital or university that has an NHMRC registered HREC before receiving funding. That agreement will set out the terms and conditions to receive the funding and the obligations of the successful recipient.

Before applying, applicants should consider the following essential terms of the Grant that will form part of this agreement, including that:

- commencement of the Grant may not be deferred.
- entitlements such as candidature leave and subsequent deferral or suspension of the Grant will be consistent with the relevant administering tertiary institution's policies and procedures.

- the Grant recipient may hold other scholarships, grants or supplementary awards, however this must be in line with the administering institution such as a health service, hospital, or university, institution policies and procedures.
- the Grant recipient will be required to, where appropriate, publicly acknowledge the support they receive from the Grant and the RANZCP Foundation.
- the Grant recipient will be required to provide periodic reports to their administering institution such as a health service, hospital, or university, that demonstrate satisfactory progress.
- where the Grant recipient fails to meet their agreed milestone progress requirements, then the RANZCP Foundation reserves the right to withhold distribution of any further instalment of the Grant money to the Grant recipient.
- where the Grant funds are not used for the permitted uses and/or according to the approved budget proposal, the RANZCP Foundation reserves the right to make a formal request of the Grant recipient for the Grant funds to be returned.

Application process and requirements

Applicants will be required to provide the following essential information in the prescribed manner and form available from the RANZCP Foundation:

- A current curriculum vitae
- A completed Grant application form addressing all the information requested.
- At least two (2) written referee's reports (research performed partly in Australia/New Zealand and partly elsewhere is acceptable)
- Evidence of approval from a HREC or evidence that an application for approval has been submitted (funds will not be released to successful applicant until ethics approval has been confirmed to the RANZCP Foundation).

Applications should be completed using the prescribed application form available on the [RANZCP Foundation website](#) and sent to foundation@ranzcp.org by the closing date specified.

Selection criteria

The selection panel will review applications on the basis of:

- originality
- scientific merit
- feasibility
- degree to which the application achieves the grant objectives

Selection panel

The RANZCP will convene a selection panel for the purposes of assessing all applications and making a recommendation to the RANZCP Foundation Committee, and the RANZCP Board.

The selection panel will consist of the following RANZCP representatives, and will endeavour to achieve gender balance:

1. Chair (or nominee), RANZCP Foundation (Chair of the selection panel)
2. Chair (or nominee), RANZCP Committee for Research
3. Chair (or nominee), RANZCP Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
4. Chair (or nominee), RANZCP Section of Perinatal and Infant Psychiatry
5. Member, RANZCP Foundation Committee

The Chair of the selection panel may co-opt additional members with particular expertise if required

(e.g. from the Committee for Research), or a person external to the RANZCP that has particular expertise which could support the selection panel in assessing the proposal.

It is the responsibility of all members of the selection panel to comply with the RANZCP [Declaring and Managing Conflict of Interest Guideline](#) and to promptly take appropriate action to effectively manage the conflict of interest. In the event that a conflict of interest is identified:

1. the Chair will be responsible for addressing the conflict and taking appropriate steps to ensure the integrity of the selection process is maintained; or
2. where the Chair declares a conflict of interest, and it is not possible to make alternative arrangements, the decision will be deferred to the remaining members of the selection panel.

All decisions of the selection panel must be endorsed by the RANZCP Foundation Committee; and ratified by the RANZCP Board.

The RANZCP:

1. will decide to award Grant funds commensurate with the amount it determines is necessary for the applicant to complete the proposal assessed.
2. may decide to award the Grant funds to a successful applicant in part up front, with later instalments subject to satisfactory progress reports provided to the RANZCP Foundation.
3. reserves the right to make no award of the Grant if it does not receive any suitable applications that, in its opinion, are capable of achieving the objectives of the Grant.

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