

The Barnett PhD Scholarship

Terms of Reference



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| Name of the award | The Barnett PhD Scholarship |
| Purpose | To support and encourage PhD research in psychiatry by RANZCP members. |
| Funding source | <p>Scholarship established in 2025 and is funded by Dr Bryanne Barnett AM.</p> <p>Dr. Barnett is sponsoring two PhD scholarships in 2025, along with other grants currently under development.</p> <p>Focus areas for awarding grants and scholarships include, but are not limited to, early childhood, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, with a strong emphasis on fairness, equity, and the development of underserved areas.</p> |
| Number offered | Two (2) scholarships in 2025 |
| Interest area | PhD Research in Psychiatry |
| Form of the award | <p>The Scholarship includes up to A\$60,000 in funding for a period not exceeding two years and a framed certificate.</p> <p>The Scholarship recipient will receive a formal letter of offer and an invitation to accept the Scholarship at the College Ceremony during Congress.</p> |
| Eligibility | <p>Applications are open to RANZCP Fellows, Affiliates or Trainee (Associate) members who are in good standing with the RANZCP.</p> <p>Applicants must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- be enrolled, or provide evidence of future enrolment as a PhD candidate in psychiatric research at an Australian or New Zealand tertiary institution; and- have approval, or evidence of a pending application, to carry out their research from an approved ethics committee. <p>The Scholarship is open to applicants at any stage of their PhD study (either full or part time); and will not be limited to any specific sub-specialty or focus area of psychiatric research.</p> <p>The Scholarship may fund stipend support, research costs, or a combination of both.</p> |
| Special conditions | The recipient(s) will be required to submit an abstract on their funded research at a RANZCP scientific conference, or to a RANZCP journal. |
| Applications | <p>Applications are to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project summary: background literature review and rationale, project aims, methodology, expected outcomes and significance, research environment, alignment with vision of the Foundation.- Track record: Academic qualifications, research experience, scholarships, prizes, awards, publications, conferences attended.- Detailed budget with rationale.- Option to include further information about cultural safety, lived experience, and personal background. <p>Applications must be submitted via the online portal by the due date.</p> |
| Checklist to apply | <p>The following documentation is required to complete an application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Curriculum Vitae- Proof of ethics - approval, or evidence of a pending application, to carry out your research from the Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC), or the |

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| | <p>Health and Disability Ethics Committees (HDECs, NZ) or another approved ethics committee. If you are unable to provide this, please submit a letter from your supervisor confirming that you are in the process of obtaining ethics approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least one referee's report - Proof of enrolment - Letter of support from your Supervisor and Research Group Leader |
| Selection criteria | <p>Applications are assessed basis of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Originality - Scientific merit - Feasibility - Clinical relevance and benefits that will accrue to the field of perinatal mood disorders, and - Any other criteria determined by the RANZCP Foundation Committee. |
| Selection process | <p>The selection panel will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair (or nominee), RANZCP Foundation Committee - Chair (or nominee), RANZCP Committee for Research - Another member, RANZCP Committee for Research - Another member, RANZCP Committee for Research or RANZCP Foundation Committee - A community member from the Committee for Research or nominee from the Community Collaboration Committee. <p>The selection panel members will first review all blinded applications, then assess the unblinded applications before making a recommendation to the Foundation Committee. The decision must be endorsed by the Foundation Committee and ratified by the RANZCP Board.</p> <p>The RANZCP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will decide to award scholarship funds commensurate with the amount it determines is necessary for the applicant to complete the proposal assessed, - reserves the right to make no award of the Scholarships if it does not receive any suitable applications that, in its opinion, are capable of achieving the objectives of the Scholarship. |
| Terms | <p>Scholarship applicants will be required to accept the RANZCP Scholarship Funding Rules to apply.</p> <p>The scholarship recipient(s) will be required to enter into a tripartite agreement with both the RANZCP and their administering institution, before receiving funding. The agreement will set out the terms and conditions to receive the funding and the obligations of the recipient.</p> |

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