



Neurology Postgraduate Scholarship - advice to applicants

Purpose

These scholarships are intended to provide personal support for outstanding neurology trainees or neurologists early in their career so they can be trained to conduct research that is internationally competitive and develop a capacity for original independent research. The scholarships are funded collaboratively by the Neurological Foundation, the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists (ANZAN), and the Neurological Association of New Zealand (NANZ).

Scope

Applicants must be undertaking an MD or PhD in New Zealand

Who can apply?

- These awards are only open to full, junior or associate members of NANZ and affiliate or full member of ANZAN
- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents only

What is funded?

- A research scholarship of \$50,000 per year for up to 3 years of full-time enrolment in an MD or PhD programme in New Zealand
- University fees where applicable (does not include student services or other internal fees)
- Travel grants of up to \$4,500 can be applied for by scholarship recipients. These are applied for separately as travel grants after the scholarship has been awarded.

What will not be funded?

- Those who have already been awarded a scholarship
- Recipients cannot concurrently receive any other scholarship or fellowship

Closing dates

If the closing date falls on a weekend or holiday, it will be extended to the next working day

- 1 May (this award will be open annually until filled, then offered again when the recipient is in their final year)

Process

- Create an application on the Neurological Foundation online portal at <https://grants.neurological.org.nz/>. You will need to create a new account if you are a first-time user
- Your application will go to your configured research office for review, before being sent on (at the institution's decision) to the Neurological Foundation
- The budget requested should be in NZD. The Neurological Foundation will administer the grant and will not award more than is requested in the budget
- Supporting documentation:
 - Your university academic transcript
 - Letter of support from your proposed supervisor(s) which includes information on the resources available and how the research expenses will be funded
 - NZ Standard CVs for the applicant and the proposed supervisor(s), using the template available on the application form

- Selected applicants will be invited to attend an interview with the Foundation's Personal Awards Committee, where you will describe your project and future plans
- Recommended candidate(s) will be presented to ANZAN and NANZ for final approval
- Applicants will be advised of the outcome early in July
- Successful applicants will be informed of the conditions of the grant and asked for their formal acceptance of the scholarship contract

General Advice

Purpose

The Neurological Foundation's purpose is to "be a catalyst to improve the future quality of life for New Zealanders impacted by neurological conditions".

This includes diseases and disorders of the central and peripheral nervous systems. The Foundation will accept applications for research that contributes to our understanding of, prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, or management of neurological conditions. The research proposal should have a clear outcome, which will add to knowledge about neurological disorders. The Foundation will accept applications designed to enhance knowledge about the pathogenesis of neuropsychiatric and neuropsychological disorders, but applications that deal only with the management of mental health disorders will not be considered.

The Australia and New Zealand Association of Neurologists is the peak professional body for neurologists in Australia and New Zealand, and aims to ensure high standards of clinical neurology by playing an active role in training, teaching, continuing education and research.

The objectives of the Neurological Association of New Zealand are the advancement of study of the nervous system and its disorders and the provision of a means for expression of professional opinions for the benefit and advancement of neurology, neurosurgery and related neurological sciences.

Resubmission

The Foundation's Personal Awards Committee provides constructive feedback to applicants after each grant round. If unsuccessful, applicants can resubmit their application in a subsequent grant round. However, the Personal Awards Committee believes that a third submission of an unsuccessful application is not appropriate. Therefore, only one resubmission of a postgraduate scholarship application will be accepted.

Research contracts

Successful applicants will be offered contracts that outline the conditions of the scholarship, including the following:

- Enrolment must be completed prior to the scholarship being made available
- A postgraduate scholarship cannot be held simultaneously with any other scholarship or fellowship
- The host institution will administer the scholarship
- The scholarship will have a specific start date and end date
- If the contractual details of the scholarship change a variation request will need to be submitted to the Foundation through the application in the grants portal
- Annual progress reports are required on the anniversary of the start date. A final report will be required within 1 month of thesis submission. Reports should be submitted to the Foundation through the application in the grants portal
- Any presentations or publications resulting from the scholarship will acknowledge the support of the Neurological Foundation, ANZAN and NANZ

Questions?

If you have any queries please contact the Foundation for advice at research@neurological.org.nz