

# AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE RESEARCH GRANT COMMITTEE

## RESEARCH GRANTS – CONDITIONS OF AWARD

### **A. Introduction and Objectives**

*The Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) is offering one Research Grant per year under a competitive process.*

*The Grant is funded with the aim of supporting investigation, clinical projects or experimentation aimed at the discovery and interpretation of facts or the development or application of theories in the field of Nuclear Medicine/ Molecular Biology. Clinical Projects are defined as projects that centre on groups of patients or other human subjects. It is recognised that clinical and collaborative arrangements may dictate that some aspects of work funded may be carried out at other sites.*

**ANZSNM Research Grants** are intended to achieve one or more of the following:

1. Approach a meaningful conclusion in one year.
2. Support young investigators initiated clinical projects (as defined above).
3. Assist young investigators striving to establish new programs or new directions.
4. Fund initial exploratory research for which external funding will be sought subsequently.
5. Address circumscribed clinical problems of a sort unlikely to attract industry funding.
6. Survey groups of patients to assess the success rate, sequelae, safety or any other aspect of diagnostic or radionuclide therapy protocols.
7. Bridge the gap of a year between completion of one external grant and the commencement of another.

Young Investigators seeking to establish a program will receive preference. Collaboration between the various disciplines of ANZSNM (Physicians/Radiologists, Physicists, Radiopharmacists, Technologists and Nurses) will be encouraged. Pre marketing or post marketing studies of pharmaceuticals agents under patent will not normally be funded.

The information contained in the application will be used for the purpose of assessing that proposal. Personal information contained in the proposal may be made available to external referees and the Research Grant and ANZSNM Federal committees. The ANZSNM may seek reports from referees, where appropriate, to assess the scientific merit and clinical importance of the proposal.

If the Investigator has submitted the same or similar titled project grant application to another funding body, and the application is subsequently successful, please be advised that the application will be withdrawn from consideration by the Research Grant Committee ANZSNM.

The awards are intended to cover maintenance or minor equipment or to employ technical or clerical staff. They are not intended for funding of higher degree students or postdoctoral staff. While minor equipment items may be funded, they should not be the major component of the budget.

**Applications that do not fulfil these criteria will not be considered.**

**The maximum funding per application is \$20,000**

### ***B. Eligibility***

1. The Principal Investigator and any other nuclear medicine investigators must be current, fully financial ordinary members of the ANZSNM (of at least 12 months standing) and the project must be either a nuclear medicine department, or an ANZSNM Branch/SIG initiative.
2. Researchers who have previously received an ANZSNM Research Grant will be ineligible to be considered for a new research grant for a period of three years.

### ***C. Liability***

The ANZSNM accepts no liability or responsibility for any matters arising from the applicant's project.

### ***D. Conditions of Award***

1. Only one application per chief investigation is permitted.
2. Department projects must have written authorization from the Department Head.
3. Grants are awarded for one year only. Any unexpended funds will be automatically reclaimed at the beginning of the following year. Grant holders must apply in writing to the Research Grant Committee Chairman before the end of the grant period if they believe they have justifiable grounds for carrying funds over to the next year. However, the project must be completed within 18 months of receiving initial funding approval.
4. The Research Grant Committee reserves the right to nominate independent referees additional to or alternative to the applicant's nominated referees.
5. Where appropriate, human and animal ethical clearance is required before commencement of the project.
6. A brief synopsis of the project must be published by the successful applicant in the first issue of the Gamma Gazette after funding approval has been granted.
7. Quarterly written reports documenting the progress of the project must be submitted to the Research Grant Committee ANZSNM.
8. At the completion of the project, the work must be presented at the next Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society and submitted to the Gamma Gazette for peer review and publication.
9. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in withdrawal of funding.

**NOTE:** The project must be presented to the ANZSNM Annual Scientific Meeting prior to presentation or publication elsewhere.

***APPLICATIONS CLOSE 9 November 2012***

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