

Centre for Vascular Research guide for grant applications by early-career researchers

Assistance with grant preparation from within CVR

CVR supports the career development of early-career researchers and recognises that early-career researchers may require assistance with and training in the preparation of grant and fellowship applications.

The CVR group leader / unit leader supervising you is the person in the best position to advise you regarding grant and fellowship applications and to assist you with grant preparation. They will also be able to advise you on the funding opportunities that are most relevant to your area of research.

Assistance with grant preparation is also available from our sources within UNSW

1. The Grants management office (GMO)

The GMO assists UNSW staff with grant and fellowship applications and the GMO website (<http://research.unsw.edu.au/units/grants-management-office>) provides researchers with valuable information about funding opportunities, including internal and external close dates and links to information and resources.

Some GMO services that early career researchers should be aware of include:

- a. The Grant News mailing list for regular updates on funding opportunities, important research funding announcements, and upcoming training sessions. Additional details about the Grant News mailing list and how to subscribe are available at <http://research.unsw.edu.au/grant-news>.
- b. Compliance checking of grant / fellowship applications prior to submission.
- c. The GMO can also be contacted regarding specific questions that you may have about your application.

2. Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine organises workshops on grant preparation for the various funding schemes. Details of these workshops will be made available via the Faculty of Medicine email list. Below is an approximate timetable of workshops that have been run in past years.

Grant Preparation Workshop Timetable	
Time	Workshop
Mid-March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHMRC Partnerships Grants
Early-April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development Grants – Response to Assessors
Mid-April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHMRC/ARC ECR Fellowships
Mid-June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHMRC Grants - Response to reviewers
Early-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHMRC Project Grants #1
Early-December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHMRC Project Grants #2

NHMRC and ARC

The two largest Australian research funding agencies are the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the Australian Research Council (ARC).

Details about the various grant and fellowship schemes are available on the websites:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/>

<http://www.arc.gov.au/>

Other funding opportunities also exist and details about these are available through the Grants Management Office.

Faculty of Medicine Early Career Grants

The objective of this program is to support research by early career researchers. Details about this internal funding opportunity are available at:

<http://www.med.unsw.edu.au/medweb.nsf/page/ECR+Grants>

CVR requirements for funding applications

In addition to the requirements of the various funding schemes and the Grants Management Office (e.g. Grant Application Lodgement form), CVR requires that all budgets be signed off by the CVR administration prior to submission.