



Avant Doctor in Training Research Scholarship Program 2017

Information pack

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offers 20 scholarships valued at \$450,000

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About the program

Since its inception in 2012, the Avant Doctor in Training Research Scholarship Program has supported life-changing research to promote better patient outcomes and advance the careers of some of Australia's promising medical researchers.

Started in response to the difficulties young doctors face in securing research funding, the program has so far awarded 59 scholarships worth \$1.65 million. Scholarships have supported research across a wide range of topics including organ transplantation, epidemiology, hepatology, oncology, obstetrics, cardiology and general surgery, with 28 research projects completed to date.

In 2017 Avant will offer \$450,000 in funding across a total of 20 scholarships and grants for full-time, part-time and short-term research projects.



Full-time scholarships

Full-time scholarships (\$50,000) must be conducted on a full-time basis, usually over a 12-month period.



Part-time scholarships

Part-time scholarships (\$25,000) are usually conducted over a 12-month period. The student should not be in paid employment of more than 0.6 full-time equivalent.



Grants

Grants providing financial assistance (\$12,500) for short-term research projects usually less than 12-months duration.

Key dates

Applications open	1 February 2017
Applications close	31 May 2017
Review of applications	June – August 2017
Scholarship recipients notified	September 2017

Scholarship categories

Category	<p>Advancement of medicine</p> <p>Research which contributes to developing improved health and medical practices e.g. diagnostics, drug therapies, biological processes, quality of life and health promotions.</p>		<p>Quality in medicine</p> <p>Research designed to improve quality e.g. focus on systems, processes, functions or a combination.</p> <p>Must relate to a domain of quality e.g. (safety, effectiveness, appropriateness, acceptability, access, efficiency)</p> <p>Site specific e.g. hospital or multi-site projects</p>
Scholarships	<p>Emerging Researcher[#]</p> <p>Full-time 2 x \$50,000</p> <p>Part-time 1 x \$25,000</p>	<p>Experienced Researcher[^]</p> <p>Full-time 2 x \$50,000</p> <p>Part-time 1 x \$25,000</p>	<p>Part-time 2 x \$25,000</p> <p>Open to both Emerging Researchers[#] and Experienced Researchers[^]</p>
Grants	<p>Grants 6 x \$12,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Obstetrics, gynaecology and women's health ▶ Anaesthesia, perioperative and pain medicine ▶ Medicine (includes paediatrics, radiology and pathology) ▶ Surgery ▶ General practice, community, rural and remote medicine ▶ Mental health 		<p>Grants 6 x \$12,500</p> <p>Financial assistance to support short-term periods of research. Research is expected to be less than 12 months, however research of more than 12 months is not expressly excluded.</p>
Definitions	<p>[#]Emerging Researcher</p> <p>Minimal previous published work Three or less published papers</p> <p>Minimal previous presentations Three or less presentations</p> <p>No previous funding for research</p>		<p>[^]Experienced Researcher</p> <p>Previous published work More than three published papers*</p> <p>Previous presentations More than three presentations</p> <p>May have had previous funding for research</p>

*minimum of two papers as first author

Use the online tool to find out which scholarship or grant you qualify for at avant.org.au/scholarships

Who can apply?

Applicants must be:

- ▶ an Avant member with a professional indemnity insurance policy with Avant Insurance Limited under one of three categories
 - Intern
 - Resident Medical Officer
 - Doctor in Training
- ▶ an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- ▶ registered with the Medical Board of Australia
- ▶ enrolled in
 - a specialist research training program recognised and approved by the relevant Australian/Australasian college and accredited by the Australian Medical Council (Specialist in Training) or
 - a research program with a recognised academic institution working towards a post-graduate degree such as a masters or PhD or
 - a formal research program with at least one appropriately qualified research supervisor, with research commencing on or before 30 March 2018.

For all eligibility requirements, see the terms and conditions at avant.org.au/scholarships.

Non-members

Non-members cannot apply for a scholarship or grant but if you join Avant before the application close date you will be immediately eligible to apply for one. Check which category is best for you and join online at avant.org.au/join. Once your membership is confirmed you can then send in your scholarship application.

Application process

Applications must be made through the online form at avant.org.au/scholarships.

You should ensure the information provided is detailed and complete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The application form requires information about your:

- ▶ personal details
- ▶ education
- ▶ previous work experience
- ▶ past research
- ▶ research project
- ▶ supervisor consent

You will need to indicate your research category and type, and whether you are applying for a scholarship or grant. There are word limits for each section.



Applications close

5.00pm, Wednesday 31 May 2017

'Being an emerging researcher, obtaining a peer-reviewed scholarship early in my career will help open doors in the future.'

Dr James Aridas
2015 scholarship recipient

Doctor in Training Research Scholarship Program

Dr May Wong
2014 scholarship
recipient



Winners Circle
Doctor in Training
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Evaluation criteria

Judging

An independent panel of leading medical practitioners review all information provided on your application form. An interview may also be requested.

Assessment of applications

Higher degree	5%
Esteem	15%
Previous research outputs	15%
Project/research plan and design	20%
Significance and expected outcomes	20%
Relative outcome	10%
Supervision	15%

View the full evaluation criteria at avant.org.au/scholarships.

Presentation dinner

Successful recipients will be advised via phone in mid September followed by written confirmation.

All scholarship and grant recipients must be willing and available to attend a presentation dinner and agree to be photographed and be included in articles for marketing and promotional purposes.

Payment of scholarships and grants

Payment of full-time and part-time scholarships will be in three instalments:

- ▶ first instalment of 50% paid on commencement of the research
- ▶ second instalment of 25% paid midway through the research
- ▶ third instalment of 25% paid on completion of the research.

Payment of grants will be in two instalments:

- ▶ first instalment of 50% paid on commencement of the research
- ▶ second instalment of 50% paid on completion of the research.

For full details see the terms and conditions at avant.org.au/scholarships.

For further information about the awards
please email scholarship@avant.org.au
or visit avant.org.au/scholarships.

“ I’m so grateful to have the funding from Avant and to have been able to concentrate on research. There are very few unbiased sources of funding for medical research. ”

– Dr Marie Sinclair

2013 scholarship recipient for
improved treatment for liver disease



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Apply today at avant.org.au/scholarships

Applications close 31st May 2017

 **1800 128 268**  **avant.org.au/scholarships**

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