



NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY
AUSTRALIA

National Blood Sector Research and Development Program

Round 6

Scholarship Application Form

Deadline for Applications:

11:59pm 27 May 2025

Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

Instructions to applicants

Before completing and submitting this application please:

- Consult the National Blood Sector Research and Development Program Grant Opportunity Guidelines available on GrantConnect or at [Research funding program](#).
- Liaise with your supervisor to identify and obtain any specific requirements
- Liaise with your Administering Institution (AI) to identify any specific requirements that the institution may have
- Ensure your application is complete and correct.

Applications must follow the correct formatting and word count as advised in each section and must include all specified attachments in the specified naming convention. Incomplete or incorrect submissions may result in an ineligible application.

Submitting the application

Closing time: 11:59pm, **27 May 2025** (Australian Eastern Standard Time) AEST.

Applicant responses must be lodged electronically before the Closing Time and in accordance with the response lodgement procedures set out in Section 7 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Applications lodged wholly or partly after the closing time will be deemed late. A late application will not be admitted to the assessment process unless there is a valid reason or prior arrangements have been made.

Applicants are to direct all queries about this application form to:

- Attention: Program Director
- Email: Research@blood.gov.au

Completing the application form

All Scholarship applications must be submitted using this form. All sections of this form and attachments must conform to the following:

- Applications must be completed in English
- All costings must be in Australian dollars (GST Exclusive)
- Left and right margins at least 2cm
- Font no smaller than 11 point (preferred font is Calibri)
- Line spacing of 1.
- Maximum character and word limitations must be adhered to.
- Responses must be completely self-contained. No hyperlinked material may be incorporated by reference, noting that any such links will be ignored (excluding links to material on the NBA website)
- The Application Certification must be substantially in the form at Section F of this application, which is to be signed by duly authorised persons. Applicants should not change the text of the certification.

You may also refer to **Attachment B - Submission Checklist** that provides further instructions on how to complete this form.

SECTION A – TYPE OF GRANT

1. What type of grant are you applying for:

- Support towards a Master's degree
- Support towards a PhD
- Support for postdoctoral fellowship

SECTION B – OVERVIEW

| | |
|---|----|
| 1. Name of scholar (Applicant) | |
| 2. Primary supervisor's name and title | |
| 3. ORCID ID/s for Applicant and Primary Supervisor | |
| 4. Administering Institution (which will receive funds from the NBA) <i>NOTE: <u>must</u> be an NHMRC approved Administering Institution, see NHMRC Approved Administering Institutions NHMRC</i> | |
| 5. Describe where the project will be conducted (<u>100 words</u>) | |
| 6. Total amount requested (<u>excl GST</u>) | \$ |
| 7. Total time required to complete project | |
| a) Actual or proposed project start date | |
| b) Proposed project end date | |
| c) Proposed NBA funding start date | |
| d) Total timeframe for scholarship funding (months) | |
| 10. List any funding currently being received from another funding body and/or other submissions planned or under consideration for this project. <i>NOTE: ensure you list the name of the funding agency(s), expected date of notification of success and the amount(s) received and/or requested. Include applications already submitted and planned submissions</i> | |

SECTION C – PROJECT SUMMARY

NOTE: You must answer each section as per the instructions provided. Your answers should be suitable for release to media and inclusion on the NBA website.

1. Simplified project title (100 words)

NOTE: The simplified project title should be in lay terminology and be suitable for release to the media or for general publication. Avoid the use of technical terms and abbreviations.

Test whether a non-technical person can understand your summary. You may be asked to provide a revised response if you do not consider this in your initial application.

[insert answer here]

2. Scientific project title (300 words)

NOTE: The scientific title should accurately describe the nature of the project being undertaken.

[insert answer here]

3. Check the box to indicate whether the potential benefits of your research will support either:

- Efficient and effective use of immunoglobulin products (Ig)
- Patient Blood Management evidence gaps (PBM).

Ig

PBM

4. Identify which National Blood Research and Development Strategic Priorities (Priorities 2022-27) your research best relates to and how this will be able to be tracked throughout your project (100 words).

NOTE: The Priorities 2022-27 are available via the NBA website at [National Blood Research and Development Strategic Priorities | National Blood Authority](#)

[insert answer here]

5. Using lay terminology summarise your research questions and proposed methods. Describe how the project will be translated into practice change that will directly impact on individual patients' outcomes, population health and wellbeing and/or blood or blood product use (500 words).

NOTE: Test whether a non-technical person can understand your summary. You may be asked to provide a revised response if you do not consider this in your initial application.

[insert answer here]

SECTION D – CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Grant Administration Officer of the Administering Institution responsible for submitting and managing the grant should this application be successful.

| | |
|--|--|
| Full Name | |
| Position | |
| Organisation | |
| Contact phone number/s | |
| Email <i>NOTE: If you wish to use a joint email address, you must also provide a personal email address option. This is to assist the NBA with following up on projects as required.</i> | |
| Postal address | |

2. Research project progress report contact.

Please complete only if different from Scholar. Use this checkbox if this is Scholar

| | |
|--|--|
| Full Name | |
| Position | |
| Organisation | |
| Contact phone number | |
| Email <i>NOTE: If you wish to use a joint email address, you must also provide a personal email address option. This is to assist the NBA with following up on projects as required.</i> | |
| Postal address | |

| 3. The Grantee details | |
|--|--|
| Full legal name of Grantee (ie; the administering organisation) | |
| Legal entity type (e.g. incorporated association, company, partnership etc) | |
| Trading or business name | |
| Any relevant licence, registration or provider number | |
| Australian Company Number (ACN) or other entity identifiers | |
| Australian Business Number (ABN) | |
| Registration status for Goods and Services Tax (GST) | |
| Date from which GST registration was effective – if applicable | |
| Registered office (physical/postal address) | |
| Relevant business place (if different) | |
| Telephone | |
| Email <i>NOTE: If you wish to use a joint email address, you must also provide a personal email address option. This is to assist the NBA with following up on projects as required.</i> | |
| Bank details | |
| 1 BSB | |
| 2 Account number | |

SECTION E – EVALUATION CRITERIA

This section sets out the evaluation criteria that will be used to assess the applications. Applicants should note that the evaluation criteria are not listed in any order of importance.

Mandatory requirements

Applications must meet the minimum content and formatting requirements as stated on Page 1. You may also refer to **Attachment B - Submission Checklist** that provides detailed instructions on how to complete this form.

Evaluation criteria

Applications will also be assessed on the following evaluation criteria:

1. Research scope, focus and potential value
2. Quality
3. Efficient and effective use of funds
4. Governance and ethics

Each application will be assessed and given an overall rating regarding the strength of their proposal in meeting the evaluation criteria.

1. Research scope, focus and potential value

1.1. State the:

- a) hypotheses to be tested,
- b) the project aim, and
- c) the scientific objectives of the project

(1000 words)

[insert answer here]

1.2. What is the research question? **(100 words)**

[insert answer here]

1.3. Describe how this research aligns with the outcomes of the National Blood Sector Research and Development Program as set in Section 2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Outline how it will directly impact on individual patients' outcomes, population health and wellbeing and/or blood or blood product use **(500 words)**

[insert answer here]

1.4. Describe how this research addresses the research priorities for either Patient Blood Management (PBM) or Immunoglobulin (Ig) as set out in Sections 2.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, and the priorities included in the Priorities 2022-27. Outline the scientific background to the application and identify the gaps in knowledge that address the following priority areas for the program (1000 words)

NOTE: The Priorities 2022-27 are available via the NBA website at [National Blood Research and Development Strategic Priorities | National Blood Authority](#)

[insert answer here]

1.5. What new or relevant evidence will the research project generate for policy and/or practice? What are the likely impacts of the results of the project on either:

- efficient and effective use of Ig products
- PBM research gaps.

Include how you propose to track your progress towards this proposed impact (300 words)

[insert answer here]

1.6. What is the potential of the project to impact policy and/or practice? Comment on the extent to which anticipated outcomes from the research can be generalised, scaled, translated or embedded into practice (300 words)

[insert answer here]

1.7. Provide details of an economic evaluation or costing component, if applicable (200 words)

[insert answer here]

1.8. Will any aspects of the research be conducted outside Australia? If yes, provide details and reason why.

- NO
 YES

[if YES, insert answer here]

2. Quality

Administering Institution

2.1 Is the institution responsible for administering the grant funds listed on the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) as an Administering Institution?

NOTE: The list of NHMRC registered Administering Institutions can be found at [NHMRC Approved Administering Institutions | NHMRC](#)

YES

Project management

2.2 Describe how the research will be managed including a description of the Primary Supervisor's previous research and project management experience. Outline how progress will be monitored and risks managed (100 words)

[insert answer here]

Research design and methods

2.3 Describe the approach to the research (2000 words)

- Address in detail the design and methods of the proposed project.
- Make clear how the hypotheses will be tested and aims of the project achieved.
- Specify what data will be collected and how it will be analysed and interpreted.
- Describe and justify any new methods to be developed in terms of their advantages relative to existing methods.
- Identify potential difficulties and limitations of the proposed procedures, and alternative approaches that might be used to achieve the aims.

NOTE: A list of all references cited must be provided. Exclude references from the word count.

[insert answer here]

2.4 Provide the key project milestones and timelines. These will form part of the reporting requirements to be incorporated into the Letter of Agreement for successful applicants.

NOTE: Add rows as required

| Milestone Number | Milestone | Activity Schedule | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Anticipated date | Feasibility Comment * |
| 1 | [Enter Milestone 1 activity] | Please advise | |
| 2 | [Enter Milestone 2 activity]. | Please advise | |
| 3 | [Enter Milestone 3 activity] | Please advise | |
| [final milestone number] | [Enter Final Milestone activity] | Please advise | |

**Comment on feasibility of achieving the milestone by the anticipated date.*

Scholar / Applicant details

2.5 Provide the below information for the Scholar/Applicant

| | |
|---|--|
| Title | |
| Full Name | |
| Position | |
| Organisation | |
| Contact phone number/s | |
| Email <i>NOTE: If you wish to use a joint email address, you must also provide a personal email address option.</i> | |
| Postal address | |

2.6 Provide a biography for the Applicant as an attachment to this application (2 pages).

The biography should focus on the Applicant’s qualifications, and skills, and other achievements pertinent to this research/project application.

The biography should be submitted with the following naming convention as a PDF only:

- 2.6-[Applicant Surname]-Biography

2.7 Will the Applicant be based in Australia during the entire period the research project is to be conducted? If NO, for what period will they be absent from Australia and for what reason?

YES

NO

[if NO, insert answer here]

2.8 To ensure that the Scholar/Applicant satisfies the citizenship status criteria provided in Section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, please indicate your citizenship status below:

Australian Citizen Permanent Resident

New Zealand citizen with Special Category Visa (subclass 444) status

Waiver requested (refer to Section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for further information)

2.8 Provide a referee report from the Applicant’s Primary Supervisor using the template at Attachment A. The referee report should be submitted with the following naming convention as a PDF only:

- 2.9-[Applicant Surname]-Referee Report

Supervisor/s information

2.9 Please provide the below information for the Supervisor/s for the application

NOTE: Please copy and paste this table if more than one supervisor is relevant to this research grant application.

| | |
|---|--|
| Affiliation with the Administering Institution | |
| Title | |
| Full Name | |
| Position | |
| Organisation | |

| | |
|--|--|
| Contact phone number/s | |
| Email <i>NOTE: If you wish to use a joint email address, you must also provide a personal email address option.</i> | |
| Postal address | |

2.10 Outline the justification for the choice of the Primary Supervisor (100 words)

[insert answer here]

2.11 Provide a biography for the Primary Supervisor as an attachment to this application (2 pages).

The biography should include the supervisor’s current position(s) and focus on the supervisor’s achievements, track record, qualifications and skills pertinent to supervision of this Applicant.

In addition to the biography, you may include a list of relevant publications, presentations, grants and awards (1 page).

The biography and optional list of publications etc. should be submitted using the following naming convention as a PDF only:

- 2.12- [Applicant Surname]-Biography Primary Supervisor

2.12 Will the Primary Supervisor be based in Australia during the whole grant period?

If **NO**, what period will they be absent from Australia and what arrangements will be put in place to ensure continuous quality supervision of the Applicant?

YES

NO

[if NO, insert answer here]

3. Efficient and effective use of funds

4.1 Please indicate the funding requested

As provided in Section 3.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, the maximum funds available for a post-graduate scholarship is typically \$30,000 p/a, for a period of 12 months. Justification is needed to extend the funds and period up to a maximum of 3 years.

[insert answer here]

4.2 Provide the key project milestones activities below.

NOTE: Add rows as required

| Milestone Number | Milestone | Anticipated date |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | [Enter Milestone 1] | Please advise |
| 2 | [Enter Milestone 2] | Please advise |
| 3 | [Enter Milestone 3] | Please advise |
| [final milestone number] | [Enter Final Milestone] | |

Other Scholarship sources

4.3 List in the table below all funding currently being received by the Applicant from any other funding body.

Must be in Australian dollars and excluding GST.

| Funding body | Amount | Funding period | Description. (<100 words per item) |
|--------------|--------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

4.4 List in the table below all funding applications planned or under consideration by any other funding sources for this research project.

Must be in Australian dollars and excluding GST.

| Funding body | Amount | Funding period | Description. (<100 words per item) |
|--------------|--------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

4. Governance and ethics

3.1 Describe all approvals that will be required (if any) before the Applicant’s research project can proceed, i.e. ethics and governance approvals. State the status of each approval (200 words).

[insert answer here]

3.2 Does the research project require access to data held by the NBA?

If yes, confirm the project will abide by the requirements of the NBA’s Data Governance Framework.

NOTE: Information on the NBA’s Data Governance arrangements can be found at [Data and reporting](#)

NO

YES

[if YES, insert answer here]

3.3 Is the Administering Institution (AI) and the Applicant agreeable to all the terms and conditions set out in the draft Grant Funding Agreement and Scholar Acknowledgement Form?

Please indicate 'agreement to all terms and conditions' or, 'partial agreement to the terms and conditions' of the draft Grant Funding Agreement and Scholar Acknowledgement Form.

If the AI or the Applicant does not agree to any or all terms or conditions in the draft Funding Agreement and Scholar Acknowledgement Form, they will be required to request an exemption or modification.

If required, list the clause number, the reasons for partial or non-compliance, and any proposed modification to those clauses.

- Agreement to all terms and conditions
 Partial agreement to the terms and conditions

[if selection PARTIAL AGREEMENT, insert confirmation of exemption, relevant clauses and relevant justification here]

3.4 Is the Applicant agreeable to the reporting requirements as outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines noting that project specific, content, format and timeframes for reporting will be advised as a part of the Funding Agreement?

- YES
 NO

[if NO, please provide details of an alternative reporting framework]

3.5 If your application is successful, do you approve the NBA and GrantConnect to publish the following information on its website:

- Research Aim
- Recipient(s)
- Administering institution
- Value
- Approval Date
- Grant term (dates)
- Summary and findings

- YES
 NO

[if NO, please provide justification here]

3.6 Please indicate how you intend to publish your grant research results.

[insert answer here]

**3.7 If your project is a trial, please describe how you plan to publicly register your trial.
Include the register name.**

[insert answer here]

SECTION F – CERTIFICATIONS

This application is not valid if these certifications are not signed by the Department Head/Chief Executive of the Administering Institution and the Primary Supervisor.

NOTE: *This application is being submitted with the full authority of, and on behalf of, the Administering Institution, noting that under section 136.1 of the Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995, it is an offence to provide false or misleading information to a Commonwealth body in an application for a benefit. This includes submission of an application by those not authorised by the Institution to submit applications for funding to the National Blood Authority.*

1. Certification by applicant

| | | |
|---|--|----------|
| Scholar/Applicant | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I certify that all details provided in the application (including attachments) are correct and that I have read, understood, and have abided by the instructions associated with this form. I agree to carry out the project in accordance with the principles of the <i>Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007)</i> , http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/r39 , and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research, 2007 (updated 2018) http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/e72 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I am an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia or an applicant for permanent residency and I will be based in Australia for the duration of the grant. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge that all ethics approvals and clearances necessary to complete my project as outlined in this application must be in place before commencement of the work and that the National Blood Authority will not release funds until such time as all such approvals and clearances have been received. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All funds awarded to the Administering Institution as part of the National Blood Sector Research and Development program will be used only for the purpose for which they were awarded. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To the best of my knowledge, I have disclosed all actual, apparent or potential conflicts of interest that would prevent my organisation proceeding with this grant application or from entering into a funding agreement with the National Blood Authority in relation to this application. I undertake that if at any time I become aware of a relevant conflict of interest, I will immediately notify and make full disclosure to the National Blood Authority. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Having made diligent enquiries, I have reasonable grounds to believe that my organisation, its personnel and project partners are not included on the National Redress Scheme’s website on the list of ‘Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme’ (www.nationalredress.gov.au). | | |
| <p>By signing below, I confirm that I have complied with all instructions in the application form and understand that failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of the application from the assessment process.</p> | | |
| Applicant (full name): | | Date: |
| Signature: | | __/__/24 |

2. Certification of Administering Institution Head of Department/Chief Executive

| | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|----------|
| Chief Executive/Head of Department | | | |
| I certify that appropriate facilities and in-kind support will be available to the Scholar/Applicant if successful and that I am prepared to have the project carried out in accordance with the <i>Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007)</i> . | | | |
| I certify that the Scholar/Applicant is an Australian citizen or is a permanent resident of Australia or an applicant for permanent residency and is based in Australia for the duration of the grant. | | | |
| Title: | First Name: | | Surname: |
| Email: | | Telephone: | |
| Department/Institution: | | | Date: |
| Signature: | | | __/__/22 |

3. Certification of Primary Supervisor

| | | | |
|---|-------------|------------|----------|
| Primary Supervisor | | | |
| I certify that supervision will be available to the Scholar/Applicant if successful | | | |
| Title: | First Name: | | Surname: |
| Email: | | Telephone: | |
| Department/Institution: | | | Date: |
| Signature: | | | __/__/24 |

Attachment A – Referee Report Template

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – REFEREE REPORT

Instructions for completing the referee report

This Referee Report is to be completed by the Primary Supervisor. The Primary Supervisor is the supervisor who will have the most substantive professional supervisory role with the Applicant for the duration of the research project.

Applicants are responsible for the following:

- obtaining the required referee report
- attaching the referee report with this completed Application Form by the nominated closing date and time.

The referee report should be submitted saved and submitted with the following naming convention as a PDF only:

- **2.9-[Applicant Surname]-Referee Report**

Referee report response

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Applicant information | |
| Title | |
| First name | |
| Surname | |
| Institution | |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Primary Supervisor information | |
| Title | |
| First name | |
| Surname | |
| Position | |
| Institution | |
| Personal email | |

1. How would you rank the applicant's academic record? Please place a X in the most appropriate %

Top 5% Top 10% Top 20% Top 50%

2. What are the major strengths of the applicant (three dot points)

[insert answer here]

3. What are the major expected outcomes from the research project proposed by the applicant (three dot points)

[insert answer here]

4. What is the likelihood of the research being successful?

[insert answer here]

5. Briefly outline the equipment, space, research assistance, other laboratory support and institutional facilities that will be available to the applicant and the project:

[insert answer here]

6. Describe how the research environment provided by your lab/team be most beneficial for this applicant?

[insert answer here]

7. Outline the mentoring arrangements that you will put in place for this applicant's development. E.g. direct supervision, postdoctoral support networks

[insert answer here]

8. Outline the training opportunities that you will make available to this applicant. E.g. attending conferences, participation in broader lab activities and skill development.

[insert answer here]

9. Outline your previous mentoring experience (if applicable) and/or other relevant experience that will contribute to the development of this applicant's research career.

[insert answer here]

10. Outline your previous mentoring experience (if applicable) and/or other relevant experience that will contribute to the development of this applicant's research career.

[insert answer here]

11. If relevant, do you support the scholar undertaking his/her studies part-time?

[insert answer here]

12. Additional comments (50 words)

[insert answer here]