

DonateLife Victoria Research Scholarship Guidelines and Application Form



Purpose

This scholarship is offered to facilitate research into increasing organ donation and transplantation. It has been created from a generous bequest given by a former liver transplant recipient to DonateLife Victoria for this sole purpose.

Funding amount

This scholarship will fund, or contribute to fund, research related to increasing organ donation and transplantation up to the amount of \$25,000 per annum.

Guidelines

1. The research question must have a direct and tangible link to increasing organ donation and/or transplantation
2. All and any professional fields relating to donation or transplantation are eligible to apply.
3. Applications will only be considered if the terms of the application form are met. These include meeting the terms on the length of application and submission of a detailed budget on how the funds will be used.
4. A panel of impartial reviewers will determine the successful applicant. Reviewers will be chosen after applications have closed and will be determined on their knowledge of the content of applications and lack of any professional affiliation with the any of the applicants. Reviewers may be external to DonateLife Victoria.
5. The successful applicant must:
 - provide DonateLife Victoria with an update on the research at each twelve-month anniversary.
 - present the results of the research study at a DonateLife Victoria network meeting after its completion.
 - acknowledge the scholarship in any peer-reviewed publication and provide details of the publication to DonateLife Victoria for their records.
6. Funds will be remitted upon confirmation of applicable ethics approval. A portion of the funding may be released earlier if there is a cost associated with ethics approval.
7. The funding of a successful application will be for a maximum of two years. In such an instance, per annum payments will be provided at the start, and on the anniversary of the study (funds for the full two years will not be provided up front).
8. If, for whatever reason, the study cannot be completed, any unspent funds must be acquitted back to DonateLife Victoria.

Assessment process

Submissions will be reviewed by a selected panel of impartial reviewers. The DonateLife Victoria General Manager, will be a standing panel member; the other panellists will be chosen based on their expertise and the content of the applications. Investigators named on any of the applications cannot be a panellist.

Each aspect of the application – proposal, design, statistics and budget – will be scored by each judge and the submission with the highest average score amongst the panellists will be awarded the scholarship.

How to apply

Complete this application form and send it to Matthew Ellis, DonateLife Victoria Operations Manager: matellis@redcrossblood.org.au.

Applications close 5:00pm Friday 29 March 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered for review for this round of funding.

Contact details

For information or support in completing this application, contact Matthew Ellis at matellis@redcrossblood.org.au.

Applicant details

Please provide the details for the individual or Primary Investigator of the proposed study.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

Postal address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Project title: _____

Please answer all sections of this application form within the word limit provided.

Project team

Please provide the details of all project team members / co-investigators, including relevant experience - clinical and/or research (100 words max. per person)

	Name	Experience
Primary investigator		
Co-investigator		
Co-investigator		
Co-investigator		

1. Project proposal (750 words max.)

Provide an introduction and background to the research question and a summary of the proposed study. A short review of relevant literature is encouraged.

2. Study design (500 words max.)

Provide a detailed summary of the study methodology including timelines, data collection procedures and storage.

3. Statistics (200 words max.)

Provide an outline of the statistical analysis for the proposed project.

4. Budget

Provide a detailed breakdown of costs for the study and the total amount requested for the proposed project.

5. References