

Australian General Practice Research Foundation PhD Top-Up Scholarship 2027

The Australian General Practice Research Foundation is pleased to offer two PhD top-up scholarships to support outstanding GPs and GPs in training to undertake PhD research in 2027. These scholarships are offered in partnership with university departments of general practice to facilitate the pursuit of rigorous research in general practice.

Before you start

Please note: This application form must be read in conjunction with the Information for Applicants. Please ensure you have read this information before completing and submitting your application to ensure that you have fulfilled all requirements.

Scholarship details

Two top-up scholarships are available. Each scholarship provides:

- A stipend of \$25,000 per annum for a maximum 3.5 years for full-time PhD candidates, or pro-rata for a maximum 7 years for part-time candidates.
- A bursary of \$5,000 per annum (or pro-rata for part-time candidates) provided for use towards professional development and research translation activities.
- A peer cohort experience and opportunities for networking and industry placements within the RACGP, where possible.

Eligibility

Applicant

- 1.The applicant must be a general practitioner who has attained FRACGP or FACRRM, or a GP in training, or have been accepted into the GP training program commencing in 2027.
- 2.The applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- 3.The applicant must have applied for or received a primary scholarship or other salary support from their university or another organisation for the purpose of undertaking their PhD research.
- 4.The applicant must undertake a research project that is directly relevant to Australian general practice and the communities it serves. The primary context of the research must be based in or on general practice. Medical education research must be situated in general practice.
- 5.The applicant must have commenced their PhD study between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2027.
- 6.Applicants must undertake the PhD at an Australian university.

Supervision

- 1.An academic general practitioner at an Australian university must be actively involved in supervision of the PhD candidate.

Host university

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1. The host university (the enrolling university at which the PhD candidate will undertake the research project) must hold an employment contract and/or affiliation agreement with the applicant's academic supervisor.
2. The host university must be willing to enter into a formal agreement with the RACGP under the terms and conditions of the provided template contract, and comply with the requirements of the scholarship.

Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Suitability of the applicant (40%)**
 - Academic record and relevant research experience
 - Articulated capacity and motivation to contribute to academic general practice post completion of PhD
 - Demonstrated intent to significantly contribute to future general practice research
- **Strength of the research project (30%)**
 - Quality and feasibility of the proposed research
 - Demonstrated relevance of the research to Australian general practice and the communities it serves
 - Potential for outcomes that can be translated into general practice
- **Strength of the supervision (30%)**
 - Contribution of an academic GP to project supervision
 - Experience and suitability of intended supervisors
 - Capacity of the host university to provide appropriate infrastructure and resources to support the research

Applications will close at **11:59pm (AEDT) on Monday 5 October 2026**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

For more information, please email foundation@racgp.org.au.

Using this form

You may begin anywhere in this application form. Please ensure you save as you go. If you need more help using this form, download the [Help Guide for Applicants](#) or check out [Applicant Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#).

On every screen (page of the form) you will find a Form Navigation contents box, this links directly to every page of the application. Click the link to jump directly to the page you want. You can also click 'next page' or 'previous page' on the top or bottom of each page to move forward or backward through the application.

If you wish to leave a partially completed application, press 'save' and log out. When you log back in and click on the 'My Submissions' link at the top of the screen, you will find a list of any applications you have started or submitted. You can reopen your draft application and start where you left off. You can also download any application, whether draft or completed, as a PDF. Click on the 'Download' button located at the bottom of the last page of the application form.

You will find a **Review and Submit** button at the bottom of the Navigation Panel. You need to review your application before you can submit it, by clicking on 'Submit' at the top of the

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screen or on the navigation panel. You will not be able to submit your application until all the compulsory questions are completed.

Once you have submitted your application, no further editing or uploading of support materials is possible. You will receive an automated confirmation email with a copy of your submitted application attached. This will be sent to the email you used to register.

If you do not receive a confirmation of submission email then you should presume that your submission has NOT been submitted.

For queries about the guidelines, deadlines, or questions in the form, please contact us on (03) 8699 0335 during business hours or email foundation@racgp.org.au, quoting your application number.

Applicant and project details

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Applicant contact details

Applicant Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

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Must be an Australian postcode.

Phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant eligibility & enrolment details

Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Which of the following applies to your clinical status? *

- ☐ FRACGP
- ☐ FACRRM
- ☐ Enrolled in an AGPT training program as a GP registrar
- ☐ Commencing AGPT training program in 2027

RACGP membership number (if applicable)

AHPRA registration number (if applicable)

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>

Which of the following applies to your academic status? *

- ☐ I have applied for a PhD program at an Australian university to commence by 31 March 2027
- ☐ I am currently enrolled in a PhD program at an Australian university

Name of university and campus *

What is your current or expected enrolment status? *

- ☐ Full-time
- ☐ Part-time

If currently enrolled in a PhD program, when did you commence your candidature?

Must be a date.

Have you applied for, or do you receive, a primary scholarship or other salary support specifically intended to support you to undertake your PhD research?

- ☐ Yes - I have received/been awarded this support
- ☐ Yes - I have applied and am awaiting the outcome
- ☐ No

This may include a university-administered PhD scholarship, university salary support, protected research time, or equivalent support from another organisation. Employment income or clinical salary that is not specifically linked to undertaking your PhD does not meet this requirement. If you select "no" then you are not eligible for this scholarship.

What type of support have you applied for or received?

- ☐ University-administered primary PhD scholarship
- ☐ University salary support
- ☐ Scholarship or salary support from another organisation

Details of support from another organisation

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Please outline the scholarship, salary support, protected research time, or other support you have applied for or receive from an organisation outside your university to support you to undertake your PhD research. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Please include: the name of the organisation providing the support; the type of support provided, such as salary support, protected research time, scholarship, or another funding arrangement; the amount, duration, FTE, or time commitment, if known; how the arrangement supports you to undertake your PhD research

Academic background

Briefly outline your academic qualifications relevant to this PhD scholarship. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Briefly outline any previous research experience or publications related to your proposed project. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Research proposal

Please provide a brief summary of your research, including its focus, aims and expected impact on general practice. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Explain the background and rationale for your study, why it is important, and how it builds on or extends existing knowledge. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Outline your research questions and describe the methods and approach you will use to address them. *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Please list any references cited in the responses above.

Where you have referred to published evidence, guidelines, frameworks, or other sources in the responses above, please provide the relevant citations in this response. Applicants may use any recognised referencing style; however, numbered references (e.g. [1], [2], [3]) are recommended for ease of assessment.

Alignment & impact

Why inspired you to choose this particular research topic, and how does it align with your academic and career goals? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

How is your research relevance of the research to Australian general practice and the communities it serves? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

View RACGP's priorities and strategic objectives here: <https://www.racgp.org.au/the-racgp/about-us/racgp-2025-29-strategy>

What are your plans to disseminate and translate your research findings, and how will the bursary component of this scholarship support these activities? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Primary supervisor details

Name of Primary Supervisor *

Title First Name Last Name

Email *

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Link to academic profile / staff directory listing on the university website *

Is the Primary Supervisor a GP? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Co-supervisor details

Please provide the names (incl. titles) of any co-supervisors *

If there are no co-supervisors, write "none".

Are any of the co-supervisors a GP? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

Please provide an email address for any GP co-supervisor, as well as a link to their academic profile / staff directory listing on the university website

Please describe the expected nature and extent of the GP co-supervisor/s' involvement in the research project

Supporting documentation

*** indicates a required field**

Academic transcript

Please upload your most recent academic transcript in PDF (.pdf) format.

Upload academic transcript *

Attach a file:

Curriculum vitae

Please submit a current curriculum vitae in PDF (.pdf) or Word (.doc) format, including details of any relevant:

- academic and professional qualifications
- clinical experience
- research experience and/or training

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- publications and presentations, including posters and seminars
- medals, prizes and awards

Upload CV *

Attach a file:

Primary Supervisor's statement

Please submit a signed statement from your Primary Supervisor on official university letterhead. PDF (.pdf) or Word (.doc) format accepted. The statement should include:

- mentoring and training arrangements
- research support systems
- collaborative opportunities for the applicant
- opportunities to extend the applicant's knowledge and skills
- details of primary scholarship or equivalent salary support from your university for which the applicant has applied for or has been awarded

Upload statement *

Attach a file:

Declaration

* indicates a required field

Please ensure that you have read the questions and the **Information for Applicants** carefully. Ensure that your responses provide the reviewers with the information that they require in order to assess your application.

By submitting this application:

- **I acknowledge all information contained within this application is complete and accurate.**
- **I declare that I have carefully read and understood the Information for Applicants handbook, including the Scholarship Application Terms & Conditions, and the questions in this application form**
- **I agree to the RACGP contacting the institutions and individuals detailed in this application to verify my eligibility, qualifications and suitability for a PhD scholarship**
- **I agree to RACGP collecting information referred to in Clause 3 of the Scholarship Application Terms & Conditions for the uses and in the manner indicated.**

Applicant name *

I agree *

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☐ Yes

☐ No

Date of declaration *

Must be a date.

Hear more from the Australian General Practice Research Foundation (optional)

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