

## VMRPET RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FUNDING APPLICATIONS

### GROUP A: STUDENTS: RADIOGRAPHY, RADIATION THERAPY, NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY

<p><b>Available Funds</b></p> <p><b>Up to \$3,000 at the discretion of the Trust</b></p> <p><b>Please note: The actual amount awarded will depend upon the number of applications received.</b></p>	<p><b>SUPPORT FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK RELATED TO THE DIVISION OF REGISTRATION</b></p>
	<p>Scholarship to support the publication of the outcome of either the research component of a standalone honours year or a research project embedded in a 4 - year honours degree.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants must provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. a verification letter from their university supervisor including ethics approval where applicable</li> <li>ii. evidence of acceptance by a peer-reviewed journal to publish the article, or a copy of the published paper</li> </ul>
	<p>Hardship scholarship to support a clinical placement in any year of the undergraduate course of <u>at least</u> 4 weeks duration.</p> <p>To receive funding applicants must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A verification letter from the university confirming the length and location of the placement.</li> <li>(ii) Receipts related to accommodation costs associated with the placement.</li> <li>(iii) Transportation receipts. Where appropriate the Trust will support the cost of one return journey to the placement either by car or public transport or in the case of an international placement, a return flight.</li> </ul> <p><u>PLEASE NOTE</u> Food and beverages will not be reimbursed</p> <p>The Trust will give priority to supporting placements in regional/rural or interstate that place particular hardship upon a student. E.g. foregoing their part time work.</p>

**GROUP B: REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS: RADIOGRAPHERS, RADIATION THERAPISTS, NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS**

LEVEL ONE	GRADUATE COURSEWORK RELATED TO THE DIVISION OF REGISTRATION	RESEARCH RELATED TO THE DIVISION OF REGISTRATION	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
<p><b>FUNDING:</b></p> <p><b>Up to \$3,000 at the discretion of the Trust</b></p>	<p>Short courses (online or blended learning) offered by Registered Training Organisations or Universities of direct relevance to the practice of medical radiation science.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide evidence of successful completion.</p>	<p>Support for enrolment in a research methods or data analysis subject/unit.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide evidence of successful completion.</p>	<p>Registration fees to attend a professional conference designed to facilitate new insights into the professional role or facilitate change and renewal (domestic or international). Accommodation and transport costs will not be funded.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide documentary evidence of attendance and a reflective account detailing how the conference impacted upon their practice.</p>
	<p>Enrolment in a single subject/unit (online or blended learning) that may or may not be part of an accredited Graduate Certificate.</p> <p>To satisfy the objectives of the Trust the unit should either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foster interprofessional care and practice, or</li> <li>• develop new skills within the broader context of health care delivery (e.g. management, digital health, health law/ethics), or</li> <li>• lead to role development/advancement, or</li> <li>• develop skills in clinical teaching and assessment</li> </ul>	<p>Support for data coding in the context of a research higher degree (e.g. statistical support; transcription of field notes).</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide evidence that details the impact of the support upon Higher Degree Research (HDR) progression.</p>	<p><b>Work based training course fees:</b> e.g. venepuncture; advanced first aid.</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>Professional development program fees</b> offered by a professional body or union e.g. leadership development, collaborative care; cultural awareness training; communication skills training; motivational training; team building; peer mentoring.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide evidence of successful completion.</p>
	<p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide evidence of successful completion.</p>	<p>Support for the use of a professional editor in the preparation of a scholarly article for submission to a peer reviewed journal.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide evidence of acceptance by a peer-reviewed journal to publish the article, or a copy of the published paper.</p>	<p>International or Domestic professional exchange programs.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants will need to detail all elements of the proposed exchange and provide a verified report following completion of the program for publication on the VMRPET website.</p>

LEVEL TWO FUNDING:	GRADUATE COURSEWORK RELATED TO THE DIVISION OF REGISTRATION	RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES	SEED FUNDING TO SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS CENTRED UPON ADVANCED, EXTENDED OR INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
<p><b>Up to \$15,000 at the discretion of the Trust</b></p>	<p>Funding will be available to practitioners who enrol in either a university accredited Graduate Certificate or a Graduate Diploma or a coursework Masters degree (Excluding programs that lead to professional entry level registration, such as ultrasound) that enhances the delivery of MRS services to the community.</p> <p><b>Funding Allocation:</b>            Up to \$5,000 for a Graduate Certificate*            Up to \$10,000 for a Graduate Diploma**            Up to \$15,000 for a Masters ***</p> <p>*if a practitioner has already been awarded level one funding for a single unit/subject enrolment in a Graduate Certificate but then proceeds to complete the full certificate any subsequent allocation of funding will be minus the initial funding allocation. For example, if \$3,000 was awarded initially, then any further allocation of funds can only be a maximum of \$2,000.</p> <p>** If a decision is made to discontinue study in a Graduate Diploma and exit with a Graduate Certificate the funds available will be up to \$5,000 maximum.</p> <p>***            If a decision is made to discontinue study in a Masters program and exit with a Graduate Diploma the funds available will be up to \$10,000 maximum.</p> <p>To receive any funding, applicants need to provide evidence of successful completion of the course/program.</p>	<p>A scholarship to support the final stages of the completion of a university research higher degree either at AQF level 9 or 10.</p> <p>Funds may be provided prior to completion of the degree or upon its successful completion.</p> <p>The decision will rest with the Trust and depend upon the needs of the student.</p> <p>The funds may be awarded as a scholarship to allow the student to fund time release from their work so they can progress full time on the writing up of their research findings.</p> <p>Alternatively, the funds may be awarded to support journal publication, and/or conference attendance to present the outcome of their research (paper/poster) e.g. full conference expenses such as travel, registration, accommodation etc and/ or editorial assistance for manuscript layout/design</p>	<p>Seed funding to support collaborative research between the workplace and higher education sector designed to advance or extend the role of radiographers, radiation therapists or nuclear medicine technologists in the workplace.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide a report that details how the project realized its aims of role advancement or role extension. Alternatively, applicants can provide evidence of acceptance by a peer-reviewed journal to publish the article, or a copy of the published paper.</p> <p>Funding to support the implementation and evaluation of a research project designed to foster interprofessional collaborative care between medical radiation science practitioners and other members of the health care team.</p> <p>To receive the funds, applicants need to provide a report that details how the project realized its aims of advancing interprofessional practice.</p>

LEVEL	MAJOR GRANTS	RESEARCH TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE TRUST
<p><b>THREE FUNDING:</b></p> <p><b>Up to \$30,000 at the discretion of the Trust</b></p>	<p>The Trust recognises that the cost of quality and impactful research particularly cross institutional and interprofessional in nature, may fall outside the general limit of \$15,000 outlined in Level Two funding.</p> <p>The Trust will therefore consider awarding up to \$30,000 to support research project/s that would likely have a significant impact on Medical Radiation Practice or the education of Medical Radiation Practitioners.</p> <p>It is anticipated that projects of this magnitude could be in partnership across a number of local and interstate universities offering programs in Medical Radiation Practice.</p> <p>Preference will be given to projects where the benefits of the project extend beyond the period of funding.</p>	<p>Determining the quantum of clinical education required for a student to meet professional capabilities in medical radiation science</p> <p>Establishing a national approach to the assessment of entry level clinical competency in medical imaging (Radiography).</p> <p>Improving patient outcomes through enhancing interprofessional communication</p> <p>Practitioner attitudes towards Fitness to Practice</p> <p>Advanced Medical Radiation Science Practice</p> <p>Enhancing the professional standing of medical radiation practitioners</p>