

ASID ANZMIG Research Grant

Australia and New Zealand Mycology Interest Group (ANZMIG), a Special Interest Group of the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases (ASID), will award every second year a research grant (of AU\$20,000) to support and foster mycology research.

Eligibility criteria

1. The project must be relevant to one or more aspects of medical mycology and can include veterinary sciences, applied laboratory mycology or basic science research.
2. Projects that have a clinical translational component will be prioritised.
3. Projects that have the potential to produce data that will strengthen future application(s) to major funding bodies (e.g. NHMRC) will also be prioritised.
4. The project should align with the objectives of ANZMIG (e.g. multicentred research with capacity for broad involvement of active ANZMIG members).
5. Investigators:
 - a. Up to 3 chief investigators (CI A-C) can be named on the project and must play an active role in the project design, activation, analysis and reporting.
 - b. Up to 4 associate investigators (AI A & B) can also be included for intellectual input.
 - c. The CI A-C must be financial member/associate members of ASID (for at least 12 months prior to date of application).
 - d. The AI A & B do not have to be active members of ASID or registered as a member of ANZMIG.
 - e. CIA can be at any career stage; but, early-career investigators are encouraged:
 - i. If the CIA is an early-career investigator; then, at least one of CI B & C must be nominated as a mentor. This nominated mentor must be an active member of ANZMIG. (An active member of ANZMIG is defined as a person who actively participates in guidelines development, research activities (e.g. protocol development, recruitment, analysis) and attends a minimum of one face-to-face business meeting per year).
 - ii. A relative to opportunity statement needs to be submitted (see below in the application process) for all applications (CIA only) and will be considered.
6. The project cannot have received any type of prior funding (e.g. direct competitive funding, funding indirectly from another grant). The funding cannot be used for a PhD position).

7. The project may have started but must not be more than 50% of the way to completion.

Application Process

1. A call for applications will be made via the member eNews and Ozbug 6 weeks before the deadline.
2. The application will consist of
 - a. A succinct grant proposal including synopsis, aims, hypothesis, background, research plan, outcomes and significance, not exceeding a maximum of 4 pages
 - b. One page maximum of references
 - c. One page maximum outlining the budget with justification
 - d. Half page relative to opportunity statement for CIA
 - e. A complete CV for CIA and a 2-page track record for all other CIs (B & C).
 - f. A half-page outlining the input of all the AIs
 - g. Format – A4; Times New Roman; 12-point font size; standard margins for all pages)
3. The application is to be forwarded to submissions@asid.net.au by 5pm AEST on the closing date

Review Process

1. This is a competitive grant process and as such the applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges. Each application will be reviewed and scored by 3 judges.
2. Scoring will be performed according to the attached assessment tool (ANZMIG-ASID Research Grant Assessment Tool).
3. The judges will be drawn from ANZMIG, ASID Board, ASID Clinical Research Network and ASID Council. Additional reviewers will be sought depending on the contents of the proposal.
4. Conflicts of interest will be determined as high conflict or low conflict:
 - a. Any judge with a high conflict of interest for a particular application cannot assess it. This is defined as direct involvement in the project and/or a close personal or family relationship with any of the CIs
 - b. Any judge with a low conflict of interest for a particular application can assess it. This is defined as currently or previously working in the same institution, served on a committee with or previously published with one of the CIs
5. Each judge will score each assigned application in isolation. Once all applications are scored the panel will meet (likely virtually) to finalise the score and decide on their final recommendation which will be sent to the Board.
6. The Board will make the final decision as to the awardee each year.

7. It is intended that the grant will be awarded annually; however, there are years where it may not be awarded (e.g. budgetary issues, insufficient merit).

8. The decision of the ASID Board is final.

9. The ASID Office with the approval of the ASID Board will inform all applicants of the outcome.

Awardees are required to submit a report to ASID on award outcomes and impact

- Overview of the scope of activity undertaken with the support of the ASID award/grant
- Key outcomes and impact across any of the following areas:
 - How did the funding from this award/grant contribute to your research project and / or career development
 - Would the outcomes have been possible without this funding? If not, what would have been different?
 - What would you say to future applicants about the importance of the received award / grant?

ASID award or grant funds are to be used within 12 months of being awarded. An extended term to use funds will apply to members that are or will commence paternity or maternity leave during the first 6 months of receiving the award/grant. Communication by the award/grant recipient with the ASID secretariat is required in advance.

Following the award announcement, recipients will receive a confirmation letter congratulating their achievement and outlining the following:

- The award details and scope
- Terms and conditions (as per Appendix B).
- Confirmation of relevant banking details to enable payment
- Supply of receipts for any reimbursements

Awardees will be required to sign and return the letter confirming their understanding of ASID's Terms and Conditions prior to ASID providing financial disbursement.

Where appropriate and mutually agreeable, recipients are encouraged to contribute to the advancement of ASID's purpose by:

- Participating in ASID conferences, working groups, or committees.
- Provide testimonies in support of future applicants and for promotion of ASID activities
- Supporting the development of early-career professionals through mentorship or collaboration

Refer to ASID's terms and conditions on the ASID website for all awards and grants.

Conditions of the award

1. The funding will be in Australian dollars.

2. If the project requires ethics approval then the letter of approval from the appropriate institution must be provided prior to the release of funds.
3. The funding needs to be used within the 12 months post release.
4. A report needs to be submitted to the ASID Board within 18 months of the release of funds.
5. The awardee must write a report for ASID members within 24 months of the release of funds to be distributed via *The Dose*. The awardee agrees to ASID's terms and conditions, including presentation of the report at an ANZMIG Business Meeting and ASID ASM.
6. The awardee must acknowledge ANZMIG and ASID in all presentations and papers outlining data arising from the award.
7. Where feasible (depending on timing) the awardee must present the results at an ASID conference.
8. The funds must only be used for research purposes (e.g. not for travel or publication costs).
9. Failure to abide by these conditions will result in the revocation of the award and return of any unused funds.