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**The Hospital Research  
Foundation Group**

# **The Hospital Research Foundation Group Research Scholarships**

**Support for students based at the**

**Basil Hetzel Institute for Translational Health Research (BHI),  
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH)**

## **Funding Guidelines**

**Round closes: Wednesday 30 November 2022, 4:00 PM (ACDT)**

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# 1. About The Hospital Research Foundation Group

The Hospital Research Foundation (THRF) Group exists for every South Australian. Our purpose is simple: together, fight for better health and wellbeing for our community through life-changing medical research and improved healthcare.

THRF Group is a profit-for-purpose organisation aspiring towards a healthy community and wellbeing for all. We raise funds through community donations, corporate support and proceeds from The Hospital Research Foundation Home Lottery program, enabling us to fund and facilitate medical research and patient care services across more than 50 healthcare areas.

THRF Group consists of 10 charities which work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the community, while allowing supporters to choose an area of healthcare that matters most to them. From before birth, to end of life, and the many diseases and illnesses in between, THRF Group is fighting for our community.

## 2. About THRF Group Research Scholarships

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) precinct supports a vibrant research community through the co-location of researchers from the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN) and South Australian universities. Research at the site is united by a mission to improve clinical care in South Australia through clinical research, therapeutic development, and translation of research outcomes into better patient care. The research activity at TQEH precinct is organised under the umbrella of the Basil Hetzel Institute for Translational Health Research (BHI).

Through teaching and research affiliations with all South Australian universities, the BHI provides valuable basic and clinical research training opportunities.

THRF Group Research Scholarships are offered via a competitive, application-based process. They are open to research students undertaking health and medical research projects at TQEH precinct with BHI, TQEH-based research supervisors. Scholarships are available to support undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in research-intensive degree programs. The awarding of scholarships depends on funding.

## 3. THRF Group Research Scholarship Categories

### 3.1 *Vacation Scholars*

**Scholarship funding:** \$200/week for up to eight (8) weeks. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to secure part-funding from their enrolling institution which THRF Group will match to reach a maximum total of \$200/week.

**Eligibility:** Applicants will be enrolled in an undergraduate program, appropriate for the research to be undertaken, at a University in South Australia. The applicant will possess employment rights via:

- Australian citizenship, or
- Permanent residency in Australia granted by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, or
- hold a valid student visa.

### 3.2 *Honours Scholars*

**Scholarship funding:** \$5,000 for one year. Evidence that enrolment in an Honours program at a university in South Australia has been accepted (e.g. an official email or letter from the university) is required before payments can commence.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must:

- have completed, or be completing, the final requirements of a bachelor's degree in an area appropriate for the research that is to be undertaken
- have applied to enrol in an Honours program at a university in South Australia
- not be in receipt of any other Honours scholarship. If a Scholar is awarded more than one scholarship, they must notify THRF Group of their intention to withdraw their application or provide evidence that the other scholarship has been declined.

The applicant will possess **employment rights** via:

- Australian citizenship, or
- permanent residency in Australia granted by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, or
- a valid student visa.

Only ONE application will be considered for each applicant.

### 3.3 *Higher Degree by Research Scholars*

**Scholarship funding:** A Higher Degree by Research Stipend equivalent to the Research Training Program stipend rate, for up to 3.5 years for a PhD or 2 years for a Masters. Students must provide evidence of their application to a scholarship scheme at a university in South Australia. Students who are successful in the scholarship scheme of their chosen institution will not be considered further for a THRF Group scholarship. Scholarship funding will be a combination of THRF Group Research Scholarship funding matched by funding from other sources.

Evidence that enrolment has been accepted by the university (e.g. an official email or letter from the university) is required before stipend payments can commence.

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants will hold academic qualifications that:

- satisfy the enrolment requirements of the enrolling university for a higher degree by research and demonstrate experience appropriate for the proposed course of study, and
- allow the applicant to commence their chosen degree within 2022 or as per the requirements of the enrolling institution.

The applicant will possess **employment rights** via:

- Australian citizenship, or
- permanent residency in Australia granted by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, or
- being an overseas student eligible for enrolment in a university higher degree by research and able to obtain a valid student visa.

Applicants are **ineligible** if they:

- have completed a degree at the same or higher level, or
- are receiving another equivalent award, scholarship or salary to undertake the proposed study (an 'equivalent' stipend would be regarded as one greater than 75% of the Research Training Program stipend rate), or
- do not provide evidence of application to a scholarship scheme at a South Australian university.

Only ONE application will be considered for each applicant.

## 4. Terms and Conditions for funding

All scholarship applicants must have contacted a qualified research supervisor working at the BHI, TQEH and have been accepted by that supervisor to undertake research within their program. It is an expectation that all students will undertake most of their research (no less than 70%) at TQEH precinct.

A recipient of a THRF Group Research Scholarship should seek their own taxation advice from the Australian Taxation Office or their own personal taxation advisor on the status of income derived from a scholarship.

### **THRF Group-funded scholars are required to:**

- attend at least two-thirds of the research seminars at the BHI
- submit an abstract for presentation at the annual TQEH Research Expo
- provide progress reports against agreed milestones to THRF Group as per the reporting guidelines or upon request.

### **THRF Group-funded scholars agree to:**

- acknowledge THRF Group funding support in all presentations, papers etc.
- provide updates about their research to THRF Group Communications and Marketing teams upon request
- participate in media opportunities coordinated by THRF Group where necessary, including radio and local and national media announcements. Relevant media advice and preparation will be available via THRF Group's Communications team
- ensure THRF Group is consulted regarding any media opportunities led by the recipient's university, SA Health or other organisation.

### **THRF Group-funded scholars are permitted to:**

- obtain funds from other sources for travel, fieldwork, equipment, or other expenses not covered by the Scholarship award
- receive minor awards, allowances or other earnings which are supplementary to the Scholarship, or income derived from limited part-time work undertaken within the guidelines set by their university in relation to their degree program.

Please note that all other policies, processes and requirements relating to student enrolment, candidature and scholarship administration (including scholarship extension, if applicable), are the responsibility of the enrolling institution. In the event of any changes or queries regarding these matters, THRF Group-funded scholars are advised to contact the area responsible for graduate research at their enrolling institution in the first instance.

## 5. Referee Reports

All applications will be accompanied by a [Primary Supervisor statement](#), and the applicant is required to organise two (2) [Academic Referee reports](#). Only one referee report can be from a member of the proposed supervisory team. If the Primary Supervisor is also an academic referee, they will be required to fill out the Primary Supervisor statement *and* an Academic Referee report.

All statements/reports are to be provided on the required templates (download available from the links above or those provided in the application form).

The Primary Supervisor statement will be uploaded to the SmartyGrants platform during application submission, and the Academic Referee reports are to be submitted, in confidence, to THRF Group's Research Office at [savelives@hospitalresearch.com.au](mailto:savelives@hospitalresearch.com.au) by the round deadline.

## 6. Selection process

Applicants and their proposed research will be assessed on excellence, impact and strategic priority by the BHI Scholarship Selection Committee. The committee will consider the academic merit and any prior research experience of the applicant, the quality of the proposed research, the suitability of the intended supervisor and group, and the capacity of the group to support the applicant's project.

Before a final decision is made, the BHI Scholarship Selection Committee may request further information from applicants.

The final funding decision will be made by THRF Group, informed by the BHI Scholarship Selection Committee, and determined by funding availability. This decision will be final, and no further negotiations will be entered into.

Successful applicants will be notified by THRF Group.

## 7. How to apply

Applications must be completed and submitted online through THRF Group's SmartyGrants platform. Only electronic submission through the SmartyGrants system will be accepted.

Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt of the application by email following submission to the SmartyGrants platform. If the email is not received (after checking junk/spam folders), applicants should assume that the submission has not been received and re-attempt submission.

Once the round closes, the submitted application cannot be amended. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants are advised not to use Internet Explorer with SmartyGrants, due to incompatibility issues. Google Chrome is the recommended browser.

Unless otherwise specified in the application form, all uploaded files should be provided in PDF format. File names should include a short description of the item followed by the applicant's family name, for example "Transcript\_Smith.pdf".

All enquiries should be directed to [savelives@hospitalresearch.com.au](mailto:savelives@hospitalresearch.com.au).

## 8. Key dates

<b><u>Apply at:</u></b>  <b><u><a href="https://hospitalresearch.smartygrants.com.au/2023-BHI-Round1">https://hospitalresearch.smartygrants.com.au/2023-BHI-Round1</a></u></b>	
Round closes on Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 4:00 PM (ACDT)	

Round opens	Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 12:00 PM (ACDT)
Round closes	Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 4:00 PM (ACDT)
Notification to applicants:	Before COB Tuesday 28 February 2023 unless otherwise notified