

Barry Marshall Travel Awards 2024

Guidelines for Applicants v1.0

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Open	Tuesday, 2 April 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)	Monday, 17 June 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)	Monday, 19 August 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)
Close	Wednesday, 1 May 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)	Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)	Wednesday, 25 September 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)

1. About Spinnaker Health Research Foundation

First founded in 1996 in part by Warren Jones, whose vision was to realise a research foundation that benefitted the health and wellbeing of local residents, the Fremantle (WA) Hospital Medical Research Foundation awarded its first grants in 1999 following a three-year capital campaign to ensure the sustainability of an annual grant program. In 2016, following an expanded partnership with Fiona Stanley Hospital, it was renamed Spinnaker Health Research Foundation, a nod to Jones, the founding chair, who was a local resident of Fremantle and the manager of the successful America's Cup syndicate in 1983.

Spinnaker Health Research Foundation joined The Hospital Research Foundation (THRF) Group in 2023. THRF Group consists of 12 charities whose combined purpose is to "Together, Fight" for better health and wellbeing for our community through life-changing medical research and improved healthcare. THRF Group will be the entity administering this round.

2. About the Barry Marshall Travel Awards

In 1983 Professor Barry Marshall AC, Patron of the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation and Nobel Prize Laureate, received a travel grant from the then Medical Advisory Committee of Fremantle Hospital while working at Fremantle as a registrar. This small grant gave Prof Marshall the opportunity to present his preliminary findings on the *Helicobacter pylori* research which ultimately earned him and his colleague Dr Robin Warren AC a joint Nobel Prize in Medicine. Prof Marshall credits this travel grant as providing the means by which he was able to convince his peers of the significance of the discovery and, ultimately, lead to simple, lifesaving treatments for peptic ulcers and stomach cancer.

In the spirit of this small grant, the Barry Marshall Travel Awards were established to pay tribute to Prof Marshall's great achievements and to foster a culture of aspiration, innovation, and information sharing.

The awards are generously supported by Prof Barry Marshall AC and Mrs Adrienne Marshall, Business Events Perth, and Spinnaker Health Research Foundation.

Active participation in scientific conferences and networking with peers is an important part of developing a career in research, particularly for Early-Mid Career Researchers (EMCRs). The Barry Marshall Travel Awards are available on a competitive basis to assist with some of the costs of participating in a national or international scientific conference during 2024/25. The awards are open to eligible health professionals and medical researchers who are pursuing a research project or initiative based at a campus of South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS).

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1. Applicant

Requests for Barry Marshall Travel Awards will be considered from the following:

- **Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students** that are enrolled (full-time or part-time) at a university in Western Australia, and that are undertaking a health and medical research project connected with a campus of SMHS.
- **Health professionals, clinical researchers and research scientists** that are currently conducting research that demonstrates significant and meaningful connection with the SMHS.

Applicants can only receive **one** Barry Marshall Travel Award for travel in this 2024 scheme.

Applicants that have previously received a Barry Marshall Travel Award for travel in the 2024 scheme are not eligible to apply for further support from this scheme.

In each round, only **one** application per eligible applicant will be considered. An application for travel that is not supported in a particular round cannot be resubmitted in a subsequent round.

3.2. *Activity*

Barry Marshall Travel Awards are to support eligible applicants to participate in a national or international scientific conference at which they can demonstrate performing at least one of the following active roles during the conference:

- an oral or poster presentation; and/or
- chairing a panel or session.

For the purposes of this 2024 scheme, the conference commencement date published on the official conference website must fall between 1 June 2024 and 1 April 2025.

3.3. *Travel requirements*

- All travel must be formally approved by the enrolling university or employing organisation of the applicant and the relevant travel policies of that institution must be followed when making bookings.
- Requests for support must be made **before** travel has commenced in the appropriate application round. Retrospective applications will not be considered.
- Travel must commence within 6 months of award (see 5.2 for likely timeline of round outcomes).

4. Use of Funds

4.1. *Funding available*

The maximum funding available is up to \$5,000.

In determining the amount of funding to be awarded, the selection committee will consider the total eligible expenditure (see 4.2) and any other travel grant funds awarded for the activity.

Should the request be successful, funds will be reimbursed by Spinnaker/THRF Group to the employing/enrolling institution through which travel was arranged following completion of travel. Funds will not be provided to private accounts and cannot be claimed directly from Spinnaker Health Research Foundation or THRF Group.

It is expected to take at least 4-6 weeks following completion of travel and confirmation of final costs for funds to be paid to the employing/enrolling institution. Please ensure adequate alternative funds are available to secure bookings until such time as the Barry Marshall Travel Award funding becomes accessible.

Any unused funds will be retained by Spinnaker/THRF Group.

4.2. *Eligible expenditure*

Eligible expenditures include conference registration, economy flights, and accommodation for the official conference dates.

Funds may not be requested for per diems, visas, transfers, meals, entertainment or memberships.

The application must list **all** eligible expenditures associated with undertaking the activity. Each cost included must be evidenced by a quote, receipt or invoice, and converted to AUD.

If Spinnaker Health Research Foundation/THRF Group becomes aware of omissions or inclusion of misleading information in a request, it may choose to exclude an application from assessment, withdraw funding, and/or refer the matter to your employing/enrolling institution.

4.3. *Conditions of funding*

If funded, the recipient will be required to:

- provide a short lay-language report (plus photo/s) about their experience, impact and any collaboration developed. The report should be submitted to grants@hospitalresearch.org.au within two weeks of completion of travel, and may be included in communications or materials for Spinnaker Health Research Foundation, THRF Group, or Business Events Perth.
- attend the annual Spinnaker Health Research Foundation Awards Ceremony, usually held in late November (2024 ceremony details TBC).
- if requested, present at Spinnaker Health Research Foundation event(s) for the community, researchers and/or supporters.
- appropriately acknowledge the Spinnaker Health Research Foundation in all presentation materials during the travel period.

5. Application and Assessment

5.1. *How to apply*

Applications must be received before 12:00 noon AWST on the relevant round close date (see below) to be considered in that round.

Applications must be completed and submitted through THRF Group's online application portal SmartyGrants via the relevant round link provided below.

<p>All queries regarding the application process should be directed to grants@hospitalresearch.org.au</p> <p>Incomplete, incorrectly submitted, or late applications will not be considered.</p> <p>All dates below are indicative and subject to change.</p>
Round 1
<p>Opens: Tuesday, 2 April 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)</p> <p>Closes: Wednesday, 1 May 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)</p> <p>Apply at: https://hospitalresearch.smartygrants.com.au/2024-BMTA-R1</p>
Round 2
<p>Opens: Monday, 17 June 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)</p> <p>Closes: Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)</p> <p>Apply at: https://hospitalresearch.smartygrants.com.au/2024-BMTA-R2</p>
Round 3
<p>Opens: Monday, 19 August 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)</p> <p>Closes: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 at 12:00 noon (AWST)</p> <p>Apply at: https://hospitalresearch.smartygrants.com.au/2024-BMTA-R3</p>

In addition to the information requested in the online form, applicants will also need to upload the following documents to the application portal for the request to be considered complete:

- The approved 'Notification to Travel' form (or similar official approval to travel) from the organisation (e.g. university, institute, Health Service, or other entity) through which your travel is being arranged.
- Written confirmation from the event organisers that you were granted an active role(s) – see 3.2. for what constitutes an active role.
- A link to the conference/meeting program.
- Evidence (e.g. quote, screenshot, receipt, invoice) for the cost of each eligible expenditure item associated with the attendance/travel.
- Details of any other travel grant funds awarded in support of the requested activity.

5.2. *Assessment and notification of outcomes*

Notification of outcomes is anticipated within 30 days following the close of the respective round.

Applications will be assessed by a committee convened by Spinnaker/THRF Group against the four following weighted criteria:

Conference opportunity (20%)

The extent to which the conference opportunity:

- is of merit /standing within the field; and
- provides opportunities for relevant additional networking/collaboration activities by the applicant.

Benefit and significance to SMHS and WA (30%)

The extent to which the applicant can demonstrate that conference participation will appreciably enhance the relevance and potential benefits of the applicant's research program for:

- SMHS community/patients; and
- Western Australia more broadly.

Applicant development (30%)

The extent to which the applicant can demonstrate that conference participation will deliver:

- benefits for the applicant's future research program; and
- opportunities for the applicant's broader career development.

Budget (20%)

The extent to which the proposed budget:

- is reasonable and sufficiently itemised; and
- has supporting evidence for all eligible costs.

Applicant responses against these criteria will be scored using the rubric outlined below.

Score	Description
5	Outstanding: Of the highest quality - no queries, concerns, or issues
4	Excellent: high quality – a limited number of minor issues, queries, or concerns
3	Good: solid - with some issues, queries, or concerns
2	Borderline: OK but with several issues, queries, or concerns
1	Uncompetitive: Poorly described - with many significant issues, queries, or concerns

In evaluating applications:

- Preference will be given to applicants that will, in addition to conference participation, be visiting local institutions or otherwise engaging with key stakeholders in their field of research during the conference period.
- Preference will be given to those who have not previously received a Barry Marshall Travel Award.
- Where the applicant is a health professional, clinical researcher or research scientist, preference will be given to Early-Mid Career Researchers (EMCRs). For the purposes of this scheme, “Early-Mid Career” will be considered as up to 10 years post HDR conferral (where held) or equivalent research experience. This timing requirement will allow for career disruption in line with the [NHMRC Relative to Opportunity policy](#).
- The level of funding requested will be considered in line with the principles outlined in section 4 and the evidence of costs provided by the applicant.

Following evaluation of all eligible applications, the selection committee will make recommendations for award to Spinnaker/THRF Group executive for approval. The right to accept, reject, or otherwise modify grant recommendations will be retained by Spinnaker/THRF Group executive at their sole discretion.