



Frequently Asked Questions by Research Applicants

Q1. What field of health research does Alport Foundation of Australia support?

The foundation supports all areas of research relevant to Alport Syndrome and related disorders. It also supports and fosters the career development of scientists and clinical investigators committed to research into this field by offering scholarships and fellowships.

For more information about the awards please refer to the website:

www.alport.org.au/GRANT_APPLICATION or the Alport Foundation of Australia Research Awards Application (which can be downloaded from the same page)

Q2. What types of research funding does Alport Foundation of Australia provide?

Scholarships: for young medical and science graduates to undertake thesis studies into Alport Syndrome and related disorders at recognised universities.

Research Fellowship: for post-doctoral work. Available for research programs in Australia.

Grants in Aid and Project Grants: typically for short-term projects with well-defined aims and budgets which can be achieved in a 12 month period. Grants in aid (valued up to \$15,000) will be available only for new researchers (defined as within 6 years of receiving their PhD). A small number of project grants (valued up to \$20,000) will be available

Q3. Who can apply for Alport Foundation of Australia research funding?

Awards are available to clinical, scientific and allied health professionals who are Australian citizens or permanent residents. Scholarships, fellowships and grants may only be held in universities, hospitals or recognised research institutes.

Q4. How can research funds be used?

Grants may only be used for the purpose applied for. Scholarships and fellowships are intended to support the researcher while they undertake thesis studies and post-doctoral research work respectively.

Q5. Does Alport Foundation of Australia fund research outside of Australia?

At present this category of funding is unavailable.

Q6. How are applications assessed?

3 to 5 members of the Alport Foundation of Australia Research Grants Assessment Committee meet to consider all applications. Each application is discussed and when the committee reaches consensus, they are then ranked in order of merit. After ranking the applications, the committee makes recommendations for funding to the Alport Foundation of Australia Board.

Q7. Who makes up the Research Grants Assessment Committee?

The Research Grants Assessment Committee is composed of between three and five individuals who have the appropriate expertise covering both a range of research topics in the renal and genetic disease area, and medical research experience.

Q8. How will I be notified if my application is successful?

Applicants are notified in writing of the success or otherwise of their application. If you wish to obtain clarification on the results of an application direct your written enquiry to:

Chairman Research Grants Assessment Committee

Alport Foundation of Australia,

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