



# Chris Silagy Research Scholarship application form 2011

Closing date for submission:  
Friday 20 May 2011, 5.00 pm AEST

Please post all documentation to:  
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**Please note:** It is a condition of application for this grant/award, that successful applicants will provide a brief summary of the project, current photo and a biography to the RACGP. The information provided will be posted on the RACGP website and/or used in relevant RACGP publications. For more details, please refer to the 'Information for applicants' section on the RACGP website.

**Please send:**

- one original and one hard copy of the full application by post
- a completed electronic version of the full application via email.

**Preamble**

The Chris Silagy Research Scholarship is designed to support a 12 month research project involving an investigation into an aspect of evidence based primary healthcare. The scholarship is to the value of \$20 000 per annum which includes a return economy airfare (booked by the College) to either attend a meeting of the Cochrane Collaboration or visit a Cochrane Research Centre during the year of the scholarship. Scholarships are awarded by the Chris Silagy Research Scholarship Committee, a sub-committee of the RACGP National Research Awards Committee (NRAC).

The following table describes the weighting that each of the six selection criteria will receive:

Criterion		Weighting (%)
1	Research training potential for applicants	20
2	Relevance to general practice	10
3	Contribution to knowledge	10
4	Clarity of research question	10
5	Scientific quality of research design	30
6	Feasibility	20
	Total	100%

# Application form Part A: Administrative details

**A1** Principal investigator (the principal investigator is the person who has responsibility for the project and will be considered the main point of contact).

Name		Organisation	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Address		Suburb	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
State	Postcode	Country	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Telephone	Fax number	Mobile number	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Email			
<input type="text"/>			

**A2** Which of the following applies to your higher degree studies?

<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently enrolled in a PhD	<input type="checkbox"/> I completed a PhD in <input type="text"/> (indicate year)
<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently enrolled in a Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> I completed a Masters in <input type="text"/> (indicate year)
<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently enrolled in a MD	<input type="checkbox"/> I completed a MD in <input type="text"/> (indicate year)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide information in CV)	

**A3** RACGP membership details

Are you a current member of the RACGP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a GP registrar?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
RACGP membership number	<input type="text"/>	

**A4** Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?  Yes  No

**A5.1** Please attach a two page current curriculum vitae (CV) to this section of the application, ie. Part A. The electronic version of the CV should be forwarded as a separate email attachment. This should include qualifications, courses currently being undertaken, previous research experience, grants currently held, employment history.

**A5.2** Please attach a list of all publications (same as above).

We understand that not all applicants will have published their findings or received project funding at this stage of their career.

**A6** Certification – all documents must be signed by the principal investigator. Please ensure that you are familiar with the terms and conditions of the scholarship. The terms and conditions are available on the RACGP website.

I hereby acknowledge that all information contained within this application is complete and accurate.

Date

Name (please print clearly)

Signature

**A7** Co-investigators (maximum of two)

**1.**

Name  Organisation

Address  Suburb

State  Postcode  Country

Telephone  Fax number  Mobile number

Email

Date

Signature

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**2.**

Name  Organisation

Address  Suburb

State  Postcode  Country

Telephone  Fax number  Mobile number

Email

Date

Signature

**A8 Administering organisation**

Grants can only be paid to incorporated bodies. Organisations other than public hospitals, divisions of general practice or higher education institutions should forward a statement certifying that the organisation is incorporated.

Name of institution

Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

Finance contact

Position

Telephone

Fax number

Mobile number

Email

**A9 Head of organisation**

The following are accepted as heads of organisations: registrars or deans of universities, directors or CEOs of independent institutions, senior executives of state/Commonwealth departments or agencies.

I certify that this organisation will provide the general facilities required to meet the needs of this project, if successful. I am prepared to have the project carried out in my organisation according to the conditions stipulated by the RACGP Foundation and to supervise expenditure of all funds allocated.

Name

Position

Date

Signature

# Application form Part B: Research proposal

**B1 Project title**

**B2 Project overview** (200 words maximum)

Provide a short description of your project that the College can use in presenting and explaining the benefits of your proposed research for public release. Summarise the aims, research design, methods and likely outcomes and benefits.

**B3 Project length** (funding is provided for a maximum of 12 months)

 months

**B4 Budget total**

See item C2 (d) in Application form Part C: Timelines and budget.  
Budget for the Chris Silagy Research Scholarship should not exceed \$20 000.

 \$

**B5 Other funding**

Please list any other grants/funding bodies to which this proposal has been submitted (including other RACGP Foundation grants).

**B6 Aim of the project** (200 words maximum)

This section addresses Criterion 4.

Clearly and succinctly state your research question(s) and/or hypothesis. Indicate who the participant groups are and what outcome measures will be used. Include any comparisons between participant groups – if using a quantitative assessment in this study please specify the hypothesis which the study aims to assess.

State the role of each named investigator involved in the project, and describe how their expertise is expected to contribute to the project.

**B7 Literature review** (1000 words and 20 references maximum)

This section addresses Criterion 2 and 3. **Please briefly summarise in the space provided and send a detailed description as a Word attachment, identifying as entry 'B7' and providing the principle investigator's name and the project title.**

The literature review enables you to place your research question into context. Items for discussion might include: why the research area is important, what previous research has been done on the topic, in what way is the research question relevant to general practice, and what new knowledge will be generated from your project.

**B8 Research plan** (2000 words maximum)

This section addresses Criterion 5. **Please briefly summarise in the space provided and send a detailed description as a Word attachment, identifying as entry 'B8' and providing the principle investigator's name and the project title.**

This is the main information upon which the scientific quality of the proposed research project will be assessed. This section should describe the research design in detail, including:

- the type of study method (eg. a cross sectional study, a randomised controlled trial, a qualitative study). Include sufficient details to demonstrate the scientific quality of the study design and methods
- how participants will be recruited
- how many participants are required and why (including sample size calculations if this is a quantitative study)
- what outcomes measures will be used
- what other factors might be measured
- how the data will be analysed.

**B9 Research team**

Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate that the principal investigator will have the resources to complete the study. As part of this, the committee will consider whether the research team has the necessary skills and experience to complete the type of project included in this proposal.

This forms part of the assessment of the feasibility of your project (Criterion 6). **Please briefly summarise in the space provided and send a detailed description as a Word attachment, identifying as entry 'B9' and providing the principle investigator's name and the project title.**

It is very important that in the early stages of their research careers, GPs ask advice of researchers with more experience or form a team with such a researcher, or researchers. This is increasingly important if the study is complicated or the investigator is less experienced.

If you are unsure how to get help or advice, a good place to start is the Primary Health Care Research and Information Service in your state (see [www.phcris.org.au/phcred/contacts.php](http://www.phcris.org.au/phcred/contacts.php)) or a department of general practice of a university in your state.

In this section describe the team of people who are involved in your research. Give a brief outline of the research skills and/or track record and the roles they will have in your study.

**Capacity building**

The RACGP is committed to encouraging new and emerging researchers, and training potential is one of the most important criteria in evaluating the research proposals it receives.

Briefly outline how undertaking this project will provide you with research training, skills or experience to meet Criterion 1 (research training potential for applicants). Be as specific as you can. Include both formal opportunities (eg. courses, structured supervision or mentoring) and informal opportunities (eg. informal mentoring, access to experienced researchers with skills you want to learn).

**Dissemination**

Please indicate how you intend to disseminate your results. Please note that successful recipients are expected to present their findings at a scientific meeting (such as the RACGP Annual Scientific Convention) within 2 years of completing their project.

**B10 Ethical considerations**

Does this project require approval from a human research ethics committee?

Yes       No

Discuss the ethical issues relevant to your research and the safeguards you will utilise to protect all participants, particularly in regard to matters of consent and confidentiality.

**Name of proposed committee**

For details of the RACGP National Research and Evaluation Ethics Committee (NREEC) visit [www.racgp.org.au/research/ethics](http://www.racgp.org.au/research/ethics) or phone 03 8699 0496.

# Application form Part C: Timelines and budget

As part of demonstrating feasibility (Criterion 6), it should be clear whether the investigators have allowed sufficient time to complete each step of the study, whether the requested budget will provide sufficient resources for the project to be undertaken and, if not, what other sources of funding or in kind support have been sought.

## C1 Timelines (200 words maximum)

To complete this section, segment the study design into logical steps, describe the duration of each step, and provide any supporting information to justify the total estimated project duration.

## C2 Budget

The purpose of the funding is not to top up grants. Grants cannot be used to subsidise salaries or provide core salary for the principal or co-investigators.

Section (c) of the budget can include allowance for travel costs associated with presenting the research findings at a scientific meeting, such as the RACGP ASC within 2 years of the project commencing.

Provide an itemised budget on the table below to justify the estimated time and resources. If this grant will only fund part of the costs of this research project, explain how the remaining resources will be attained. Please include GST on all costs.

### a) Salaries

Provide details for personnel being employed for the period of the grant.

	Position	Annual salary pro rata	Clinical loading*	Fractional or % time**	Number of weeks employed	Total salary	On costs	Total costs including GST
1								
2								
3								

\* if sought \*\* eg, full time = 100%

Subtotal \$

Personnel: Requests for professional salaries should be in accordance with the official National Health and Medical Research Council (NH&MRC) salary scales or scales from the submitting institution. Personnel should be named where known. Where proposed personnel are unknown, indicate the basic qualifications envisaged for the position and the salary required.

On-costs: Include provision for payroll tax, workers' compensation insurance, leave loading, or other institutional legal liabilities, where applicable. Allowable on-costs for salaries are normally set at 17.5%. Justification should be included if this is set at a higher level. No claims in respect of cost increases will be considered during the grant period.

Provide justification for level of salary and period of employment for each employee.

<b>(b) Equipment</b>			Total cost including GST
1	Description: Justification:		
2	Description: Justification:		
3	Description: Justification:		
4	Description: Justification:		
			Subtotal \$

<b>(c) Other expenses</b> (ie. travel costs)			Total cost including GST
1	Description: Justification:		
2	Description: Justification:		
3	Description: Justification:		
4	Description: Justification:		
			Subtotal \$

<b>(d) Total budget</b>			Total cost including GST
1	Salaries:		
2	Equipment:		
3	Other expenses:		
4	University infrastructure costs (if applicable)*		
			Subtotal \$

Please enter this total in item B4 in Application form Part B: Research proposal.

\* Funding may be used to pay university infrastructure costs (up to 15% of the value of the grant) if required by the administering institution.

## End of application