

## **Grants for Research into Motor Neurone Disease in 2012** **Application closing date: Friday, 26 August 2011**

Researchers working in Australia in fields that are relevant to motor neurone disease are invited to apply for funding to support research in the calendar year 2012.

Research grants allocated by the MND Research Institute of Australia are mostly grants-in-aid and doctoral fellowships. \$1,395,000 was awarded for new grants commencing in 2011.

The Bill Gole MND Postdoctoral Fellowship will be offered as a three-year fellowship commencing in 2012.

A three year PhD Scholarship is offered in partnership with NHMRC.

A three-year PhD Scholarship top-up grant is offered for the first time.

### **1. Grants-in-Aid for research into motor neurone disease in 2011**

The MND Research Institute of Australia regards its role as one of providing seed-funding for research that is innovative and having a clear relationship to the causes, treatments and cures of MND, or the support of people living with MND. Applications for projects in biomedical and health care research are encouraged. Twelve grants-in-aid were awarded for 2011.

A range of grants, including some named grants with special conditions, are offered. More information about named grants is available at [www.mndresearch.asn.au](http://www.mndresearch.asn.au). Special conditions for some of these grants include:

- scientific research relevant to the cause, treatment or cure of motor neurone disease
- research into cause, treatment or cure of MND in basic or applied science
- applied research into MND, including social research
- research investigating the genes responsible for familial MND
- attendance at the International Symposium on ALS/MND in 2012.

**Applications for grants-in-aid up to a maximum value of \$100,000 will be considered.**

### **2. Bill Gole MND Postdoctoral Fellowship (2012 - 2014)**

The Fellowships of the MND Research Institute of Australia aim to encourage young researchers to focus their interest on MND. The Bill Gole MND Postdoctoral Fellowship is directed towards postdoctoral scientists with a track record in areas of neuroscience related to motor neurone disease. Salary will be funded for three years at \$75,000 per year.

### **3. PhD Scholarship (2012 – 2014)**

One postgraduate PhD scholarship (3 years) will be offered commencing in January 2012.

The **NHMRC / MND Research Australia Scholarship** for biomedical or public health research in motor neurone disease is offered through NHMRC and is funded jointly by the MND Research Institute of Australia and NHMRC. Application must be made through **NHMRC (closing date 1 August 2011)**.

### **4. PhD Scholarship top-up grant (2012 – 2014)**

One 3-year PhD top-up grant will be offered for a PhD student who has been awarded a University PhD scholarship for biomedical or public health research in motor neurone disease. This grant will provide a \$5,000 per annum stipend for the PhD candidate and \$5,000 per annum project costs for the Principal Supervisor.

For more information and application details, please go to the MND Research Institute of Australia website at [www.mndresearch.asn.au](http://www.mndresearch.asn.au) or contact Janet Nash at [info@mndresearch.asn.au](mailto:info@mndresearch.asn.au).