

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

MNDRIA PhD Scholarship Top-up Grant (2019 – 2021)

Closing date: Thursday 31 January 2019, 6:00 pm AEST after receipt of notification of award of a PhD Scholarship

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Please read these instructions carefully before putting together an application.

1. Introduction

One top-up grant (up to three years) is available in 2019 for a PhD student who has been awarded a full PhD scholarship for biomedical or public health research in motor neurone disease.

2. Objectives of the MNDRIA PhD Scholarship Top-up Grant

The MNDRIA PhD Scholarship Top-up Grant is awarded as an incentive to an outstanding PhD student. The grant will provide a \$5,000 per annum stipend for a PhD candidate.

3. Application

3.1. Key eligibility criteria and application requirements

3.1.1. The applicant must be a PhD student at an Australian University, who has an interest in motor neurone disease.

3.1.2. The applicant must be an Australian citizen or Australian resident.

3.1.3. The applicant has not received PhD top-up funding from other sources.

3.2. Application process

3.2.1. All applications will be assessed by the [MNDRIA Research Committee](#) using the criteria as outlined in these guidelines. The MNDRIA Research Committee is responsible for assessing applications and making their recommendation for funding approval to the Board of MND Australia.

3.3. Applications close at 6:00pm AEST Thursday 31 January 2019

3.3.1. All sections of the application (including the cover sheet) must be saved as a single PDF document and sent to Janet Nash, Executive Officer Research by email to research@mndaustralia.org.au.

3.3.2. Font must be Arial and at least 11 pt.

3.4. Incomplete or misleading information

3.4.1. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that applications are complete and accurate. If an application is incomplete or inaccuracies are identified, MNDRIA will exclude it from further consideration.

3.4.2. If any application is found to have been intentionally completed (or failed to be completed) in such a way as to mislead MNDRIA, or is otherwise false or misleading in any material respect, the applicant will be disqualified from the grant.

4. Proposal

Final proposals should include:

1. Aims of project

List the specific aims and potential significance of the project. State clearly which hypotheses are to be tested. The aims of the research must be clear to the Institute's Research Committee and relevant to the development of an understanding of the causes, treatments or cures of MND.

2. Background and research plan (maximum two A4 pages)

3. Curriculum vitae of applicant (maximum two A4 pages)

4. Reports from two academic referees must be sent by email to Janet Nash, Executive Officer Research to research@mndaustralia.org.au before the deadline.

5. Completed cover sheet which is to be attached to the grant application.

Proposals are to be forwarded to Janet Nash, Executive Officer Research, by email to research@mndaustralia.org.au

5. Review process

5.1. Applications will be reviewed by a minimum of three independent reviewers as part of a competitive, peer review process.

5.2. The successful applicant will be notified in February 2019.

5.3. The decision of the Research Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

6. Payment and reporting

Payment will be made to the administering institution of the grant recipient. The administering institution should submit their invoice prior to the commencement of the grant.

The successful applicant will be expected to provide six-monthly progress reports for inclusion in the MND Research Institute's web site and newsletters. A full report is required at the end of the funding period.

7. Privacy of individuals/confidentiality

7.1. All personal information provided in the application and assessment details will be kept by MNDRIA and only be used for the purposes of administering this application, and if successful, the Grant.

7.2. The applicant's personal information will be disclosed to reviewers as noted above.

7.3. Some details of the successful application will be published on the MNDRIA website, including name, location, project title and a brief description of the project.

7.4. Information contained in applications will be regarded as confidential unless otherwise stated by MNDRIA.