



Allied Health Research Scholarship FAQs

General:

Is there an age limit for applicants?

No, there are no age restrictions for this scholarship.

I am not an Australian Citizen, but I have Permanent Residency; may I apply for a scholarship?

Yes. At the time of application, you must be Australian citizens or have permanent residency as defined in the 2007 Australian Citizenship Act.

When will you let applicants know if they are shortlisted for interview?

If selected for interview, you will be invited by email in the first week of August. Interviews will take place in mid-August.

If my research project gets delayed, can I extend the scholarship?

No. The scholarship is tenable for up to two years. If the scholarship is awarded for one-year only and your project is delayed, the scholarship cannot be extended to a second year.

Scholarship conflicts

I hold an Australian Postgraduate Award. Does this award exclude me from your scholarship?

Yes. Other named scholarships, or scholarships with a similar purpose or value cannot be held concurrently with a Menzies Foundation Scholarship. The APA must be relinquished if your application is successful.

Under what conditions can you have other financial support and a Menzies scholarship at the same time?

You are able to hold grants/bursaries for activities that are essential to the successful completion of the research project, such as travel grants or equipment grants. These grants/bursaries must be listed in the scholarship application form.

Do you need to know about past scholarships and awards, or only future scholarships and awards I am applying for?

Past scholarships and awards may be listed to support your application. We require knowledge of future scholarship and award applications if they may render you ineligible for a Menzies Foundation scholarship.

Do we only need to mention scholarships over a certain value when listing ones we've applied for?

You must list any named scholarships of similar purpose to the Menzies Foundation scholarship or of substantial value.

Research projects

You state that applicants must have completed the first stage of their PhD. Does this mean candidates must have confirmation of PhD candidature and receipt of ethics approval?

Our expectation is that you are enrolled as a PhD candidate at the time of application and will have completed your first study and/or have a significant amount of data collected.

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In addition, you must have ethics approval or be in the final stages of receiving ethics approval from your institution(s). Ethics committee approval of the research project is necessary before an award can be made.

What fields are included in Allied Health?

The recognised allied health disciplines for this scholarship are those stipulated in the prospectus and no others (i.e. audiology, dietetics, exercise physiology, nutrition, occupational therapy, optometry, orthoptics, physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology, social work, and speech pathology). As a result, a candidate who does not appear to be in any of these categories is ineligible.

My project involves significant work at overseas universities. Am I eligible?

No. The scholarship guidelines allow for small parts of the project to be undertaken at overseas universities, however the majority of your time must be spent in Australia.

My project involves testing with animals. Am I still eligible to apply?

No. Projects involving animal testing and/or projects exclusively in laboratory science will not be considered.

When you ask for references in the project plan section, what sort of references do you want?

For this section we are seeking the full title and reference of academic papers published in refereed journals with specific relevance to your research project.

Documentation

My ethics approval comes from both my university and the institute where I'll be conducting my research. Do you need either ethics approval forms, or just one?

We require evidence of ethics approval from all institutes who need to provide it. If you do not currently have ethics approval, we require evidence that you are in the final stages of receiving ethics approval of the relevant study for the period of the scholarship and an expectation it will be received.

I am only expecting my ethics approval next year? Am I still eligible?

No. We have the expectation that you will either have ethics approval, or be in the final stages of receiving ethics approval at the time of application. Ethics approval must be submitted before an award can be made.

Do I need to have an official transcript, or is a certified unofficial transcript OK?

We require a scanned copy of the original or legally certified copy of your official transcript.

Who is eligible to be a 'responsible officer of the institution for administration of the scholarship'?

The Responsible Officer is usually a person who deals with student's financial scholarships within your institution. This person will be able to liaise with the Foundation and who can provide us with a financial acquittal and banking information.

Is there a word limit for the full project proposal?

Yes. Each section of the application, including the project proposal, has specific word limits. Please check these limitations in each question as you complete the application form. The project proposal will preferably be no more than two A4 pages.

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Workloads:

Am I eligible to apply for this scholarship if I commenced my project as a master's student and am converting my masters to a PhD?

Yes, provided you are currently recognised by the university as a PhD candidate and you have completed the equivalent of the first stage of your PhD (project and ethics approved). Confirmation of your enrolment as a PhD candidate is required from the university at the time of application.

I am currently studying my PhD part time, but am planning on commencing full time study next year. Am I still eligible to apply?

Yes. You, but must be enrolled as a full time PhD candidate at the time the scholarship commences. In addition, there is an expectation that you will be likely to complete their PhD during the tenure of the scholarship.

I am currently working part-time. Am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, provided you don't work more than 8 hours per week (during business hours) in paid employment unrelated to your research project. There are exceptions for clinicians where the clinical practice is providing the subjects for the research project.

The scholarship is designed to support you in full time study to complete your PhD within the term of the scholarship.

Am I able to apply for extensions or defer the scholarship?

Menzies Scholarships do not provide for any leave entitlements. In exceptional circumstances and on written application, suspension of the scholarship may be considered for a period but additional funds to cover this period are not part of the scholarship guidelines.