

Research Grant Opportunity

Occupational
Therapy AUSTRALIA



Occupational Therapy Australia is working with the Insurance Commission Western Australia

To support research to

- Increase the independence and or improve the function recover of individuals who have experience a catastrophic or equivalent injury;
- Reduce the effort for carers and the burden on families, and
- Lowering the costs for the Insurance Commission

A total of \$95,000 will be available for allocation for between 3 and 5 projects.

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1. To generate new research knowledge in Western Australia occupational therapy practice relate to increasing the independence of individuals who have experiences a catastrophic or equivalent injury:
 - Improving the functional recovery of people with a catastrophic or equivalent injury
 - Reducing effort for carers and the burden on families
 - Lowering costs for the Insurance Commission
2. To support the research capacity and career development of Western Australian occupational therapists. Research output (typically in the form of a peer-reviewed journal publication) is expected as a result of completing a project that is funded by this grant scheme .

Eligibility Criteria

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The lead applicant must be a resident in Western Australia and a registered occupational therapist
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency status
- Research higher degree students are eligible to apply
- Individuals or teams may apply; teams may include people who do not have an occupational therapy background or who are not Western Australian or Australian citizens or permanent residents.
- If an individual applicant applies, rather than a team application and the applicant does not hold a PhD, he or she must identify, and provide a signed letter of support from an AHPRA registered occupational therapist who is an experience researcher (doctorate or equivalent with evidence of scholarly publications in the past 5 years) who agrees to mentor the applicant for the project and monitor compliance with Human Research Ethics Committee approvals and requirements, if ethics approval by HREC;s is needed.
- Applicants must reside in Australia for the durations of the grant
- Applicant should be aware that for any research involving people (as opposed to policy/documentary reviews for example) the lead applicant must provide written evidence that the research project has received approval from a HREC in Australia, if relevant
- Applicants may be provided with the grand condition on obtaining ethics approval if it is required for the study, but not know at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- In accordance with the OTARF Trust Deed requirements, a grant can only be awarded to “Eligible Entities”. These are authorities or institutions which are income tax exempt charities AND also deductible gift recipients (DGRs). Applicants can check if the organisation where they work is eligible by search (by organisation name) at <http://abr.business.gov.au/> and checking if the organization is classified as a charity and registered with the ACNC Charities Register (<http://www.acnc.gov.au/>) and also that it is a a DGR which is not a private or public ancillary fund. (IF you are submitting a grant on behalf of an authority or institution that is NOT an income tax-exempt charity and deductible gift recipient please contact OTA to discuss).
- The DGR organization must be identified as the administering institution on the application form and must agree to provide a detailed financial report of the grants expenditure.

Application Process

The application process for the Grants will involve three stages

- ***Call for Applications***
- ***Applications will undergo independent scientific review by a panel***
- ***Recommendations are presented to the Insurance Commission via the Trustees.***

Obligations of Grant Recipients

In line with the funding that underpins this grant round projects must be complete by 15 July 2020 in order to enable OTA to meet the reporting requirements.

- Grants are to be used only for the approved project

Exclusions

- Equipment or Capital funds and building works
- General fundraising appeals
- Ongoing organisational operating expenses
- Motor vehicles and other forms of transport
- Grant Recipient Overheads:
- Managing GST according to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) a grant for research is a taxable supply if it meets certain conditions as per the ATO's GSTR 2012/2. Category 6 – "Supplies with insufficient nexus."

The ATO states that in the situation where the only supply the payee makes is acknowledging the payment received; submitting an application for the payment; agreeing to repay an amount not spent; and/or giving a report to the payer about how the monies were spent, then no GST is payable by the payee and the payer

OTA requires a mid-term progress report (30 December 2019) and a final report at completion of the project (30 June 2020). Reports will include

- A summary of the status, progress and performance of the research funded
- Statements of income and expenditure related to funds received and disbursed under the agreement
- Statement that demonstrates compliance with the obligations of the funding agreement

Significant Information

- The grant recipient must promptly advise OTA of any information which may be of particular significant or important arising from the Project and should not wait to first be provided in a report.
- The grant recipient organisation must advise the OTA if there are progress issues with the project.
- Grant recipients are to acknowledge the Insurance Commission Western Australia as a funder in any communications / publications regarding this project.

REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT RECIPIENT ORGANISATIONS

A Conditions of Grant acceptance form needs to be signed by both the Grant Recipient organisation and Grantee, formally acknowledging the key conditions of the Grant. These are:

- Acknowledgement of the Insurance Commission Western Australia as a funder in any communications / publications regarding the project.
- Completion of a signed budget acquittal statement to be provided to OTA within 1 month of the conclusion of the project, which indicates the full income received, expenditure and identification of unexpended funds.
- Agreement that any unexpended funds less any approved overhead fee must be returned to OTA.
- That the grant recipient accepts all risks and liabilities with the study.
- The grant recipient will provide OTA with a copy of each publication emanating from the funding as soon as possible after submission and following publication.
- That the Insurance Commission has non-exclusive irrevocable non-transferable licence to use any of the Intellectual Property Rights
- That the grant recipient will advise OTA of any discovery arising from this funding which is capable of being commercialised.
- That the grant recipient advises if it proposes to commercialise or sell any outcome of the research funded by the Insurance Commission.
- That the grant recipient advises any commercial offer received in respect to the Intellectual Property or any other asset information arising from projects undertaken with this funding

OTA may terminate the agreement if

- Grant recipient breaches any of its obligations under this agreement and fails to remedy that breach within 14 days after receiving notice requiring it to do so
- The grant recipient ceases to carry on business
- The grant recipient disposes of the whole or part of its assets, operations or business other than in the ordinary course of business
- Any step is taken by a mortgagee to enter into possession or dispose of the whole or any part of its assets or business.
- Any step is taken to appoint, a receiver and manager, a trustee in bankruptcy, a liquidator, a provisional liquidator or other like person of the whole or part of its assets or business.
- The Termination will not affect the accrued rights or remedies of OTA.

Upon Expiry or earlier Termination of this agreement

- OTA will cease to fund the project
- The grant recipient will repay the OTA as soon as practicable all funding which has not been spent or committed as at the expiry or termination date.
- The grant recipient will provide any review and reports required
- The grant recipient will deliver to OTA all project materials, documentation, reports, publications and all other information relating to the project.

Applications due 24 June 2019

Those wanting to make an application should contact Occupational Therapy Australia via info@otaus.com.au to be provided with a copy of the Application Form.

Applications should be sent to info@otaus.com.au

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