



AACMA 2008 RESEARCH GRANTS

The AACMA Board is delighted to announce the provision of up to \$25,000 in 2008 in support of acupuncture/Chinese medicine research.

Grants may be awarded to individuals undertaking formal research into acupuncture/Chinese medicine or to institutions for institution-initiated projects or scholarships.

The grants will be limited to a maximum of \$5,000 for any one grant and in relation to any one institution. This ensures a degree of distribution across the various institutions and projects.

Individual grants will only be awarded to members of AACMA, including student members. Where the applicant is an institution, the principal researcher/supervisor of the project must be a member of AACMA.

Preference will be given to applicants who agree to present progress/summary reports at an AACMA conference (AACMAC) and/or who agree to submit a paper on findings from the study/project to the AACMA journal (AJACM).

Research must have been given ethical clearance by an appropriately constituted human or animal research ethics committee that complies with the national statement on ethical conduct in research involving humans or animals before any grant monies are released.

Applications for 2008 AACMA Research Grants should be submitted to AACMA by 28 February 2008. Late submissions may be considered on an individual basis only if the grant monies for 2008 have not been fully awarded to applicants who submitted prior to 28 February 2008.

Successful applications will be announced at the AACMAC Sydney 2008.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS

Enquiries should be directed by email to:
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Applications should be submitted by email to:
AACMA Research Committee
E: events@acupuncture.org.au

CONDITIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

An AACMA research grant may be awarded for:

- specific items such as instruments and equipment to be used in the study/project
- general expenses such as:
 - o laboratory costs;
 - o printing, photocopying postage;
 - o translation of documents;
 - o travel and conference attendance directly related to the study/project;
 - o proof reading and editing;
 - o advertising for and payments to study participants (e.g. in a clinical trial);
 - o phone expenses directly related to the project;
 - o other expenses directly related to the project.

Research grants will not be awarded for:

- personal expenses;
- costs of running a practice;
- loss of professional income;
- living expenses, unless awarded as part of a post-graduate scholarship;
- any other expenses not directly related to the project.

Items to be included in the application:

- Name of applicant;
- If institutional project, name of principal researcher/project supervisor;
- Study/project title;
- Overview of study/project (up to 400 words);
- Brief summary/abstract (200 words maximum) in a format suitable for publication in the AJACM, if successful;
- Background of study/project (in brief) (up to 300 words);
- Aims of the study/project (in brief);
- Literature review (major references only) (up to 500 words);
- Methods used in the study/project (up to 1,000 words);
- Study/project stages and proposed timelines;
- Statement as to how the project will be of benefit to the profession (up to 100 words);
- Names of project team members;
- Evidence of ethics approval from a suitable body;
- Budget
 - o specific items (must state ownership of equipment at the end of the project),
 - o general expenses (outline what they will be);
- Existing funding sources or scholarships (if any);
- If the applicant has already been awarded an AACMA Research Grant, a progress report on outcomes from the previous funding.

Other matters:

- Successful applicants must provide a summary report to the Research Committee on completion of the project and must acknowledge the AACMA research funding in any reports and publications of the research.